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Voters to decide bond for bussing

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District voters will decide a school funding proposal next Tuesday which would allow the district to purchase busses and make energy conservation improvements.

A bond proposal is on the Tuesday, May 2 school election ballot which will ask voters to decide if the Crawford AuSable Schools can borrow \$1,990,000.

District officials are hoping to take advantage of the current low interest rates by issuing the bonds to pay for busses, energy conservation projects and school building improvements.

Crawford AuSable Superintendent Joe Powers said if the funding measure is

approved, the current debt retirement rate of 4.2 mills would remain in effect for the next five years, so there would be no net increase in the millage levied by the district. In future years, the millage rate would be lower because less taxes would need to be collected to pay off the bonds. It will take 10 years to pay off the bonds.

The district has only purchased one bus in the last three years, when six busses should have been added to the fleet.

Bob Vollmer, the district's transportation supervisor, said the oldest buss in the district's fleet of 20 busses is a 1993 model. The newest bus was purchased in 2004.

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Hatchery Help



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Kirtland Community College student athletes and local youth celebrated Earth Day and pitched in to clean up the Grayling Fish Hatchery grounds on Saturday through the 4-H Life's Better With a Mentor Program. Right, Rena Barnett, a freshman on Kirtland's girls baseball squad from Leroy, rakes the grass along the hatchery runways. Above, Emily Henion, a junior on the basketball team from Frederic, and Ashlie Hall, a seventh grader at Grayling Middle School, move rocks near the fish hatchery entrance so a new landscaping cover could be placed down.



Student body decline prompts layoffs

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District Board voted to issue pink slips to nearly four dozen employees last week.

Layoff notices were issued to six teachers and 40 support staff employees.

The district is contractually obligated to notify employees 60 days prior to the end of the school year that their jobs are being eliminated.

From the layoffs, two teachers are expected to be called back and 35 support staff employees will be recalled once retirements are announced and unions complete the bumping process and move into positions where they have more seniority.

The cuts will slash just over \$1 million from the budget with over half of those costs associated with employee expenses.

The district's enrollment, which was at 1,979 students last fall is currently at 1,942 students. Enrollment is expected to go as low as 1,919 students next year. The drop means the district

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Civil War era log cabin restored

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As stewards of local history, a Grayling area couple took an initial step last week to have a log cabin built in the Civil War era preserved.

The tiny log cabin, located on property owned by Lenise and Ron Rutter on Military Road, was re-chinked last week - the process where the cement like solution placed between the logs to seal the interior from the elements was completed.

The 160-year old cabin was built in Pere Cheney, a once thriving community located in Beaver Creek Township which was developed along with the railroad. Pere Cheney became a ghost town after a cholera outbreak devastated the community.

The log cabin was moved to Military Road, which was formerly known as Wellington Road, in the early 1900s.

William and Ethel Fairbotham raised their children in the cabin and farmed the surrounding 90 acres of land.

"They grew more in one acre than most people probably

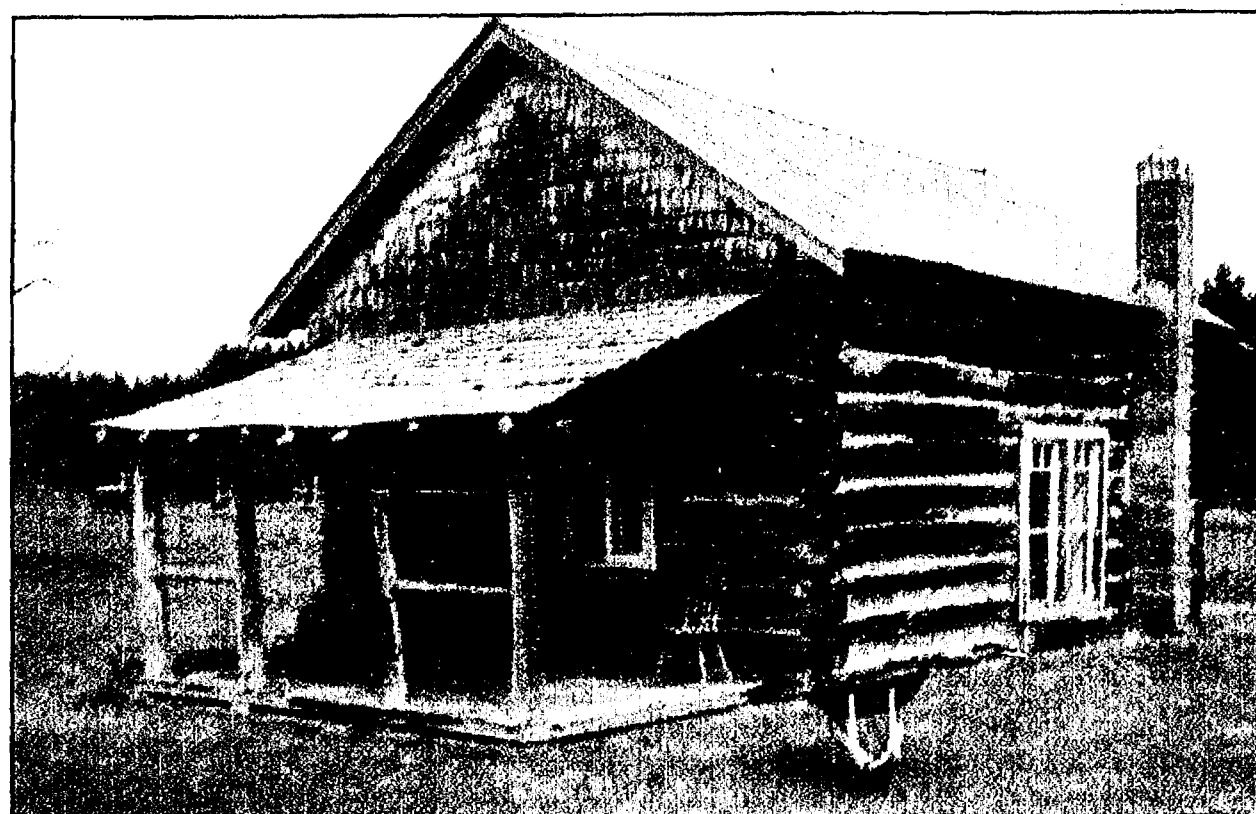


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could grow on 10 acres and that would get us through the winter," said Don Fairbotham, a grandson of the couple who was raised in the cabin.

William Fairbotham, Don's cousin, recalled spending time at the farm.

"It was hard work on that

farm, but it was still good times," William said.

Rutter said that some old timers who have lived in the area have told him about helping out with the harvest season.

"Everybody couldn't afford a thrasher, so they would bring the thrasher down from

Gaylord and would go farm to farm," Rutter said.

Don remembered spending times adventuring through the woods for hunting and hiking over to Lake Margrethe or the AuSable River.

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Board studies historic preservation millage

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials are considering placing a millage on the August primary ballot which would help a trio of organizations preserve local history.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, at their regular meeting last week, discussed placing a millage proposal on the ballot for historic preservation.

The .002 of a mill proposal would raise about \$108,000 per year for the Crawford County Historical Museum, the Lovells Historical Museum and the Michigan Museum of Military Transport.

The Michigan Museum of Military Transport Foundation, which was founded in 1995, is seeking to lease or buy the former Grayling/City Township Fire station to start a museum where military vehicles and memorabilia would be displayed. Township and city officials agreed to enter into negotiations with the Michigan Museum of Military Transport members in February for use of the building. City attorney Dave Sabin, however, has advised officials that the sale or lease of the former fire department must be at fair market value to comply with a state law for use

of public owned land.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said that Michigan Museum of Military Transport does have the funds to buy the property. Having a permanent home for the museum, however, would make the chances of the museum gaining grant funds for operations and development of the museum more favorable.

"Eventually, we would like to become a large entity but we have to have a place to start with," said Brian Anderson, a Frederic Township resident and a member of the Michigan Museum of Military Transport Board.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright and military museum officials asked the county to consider the millage option. The Crawford County Historical Museum and Lovells Historical Museum board members were asked to come to planning table since the millage would be levied county wide.

Compo said legal agreements would need to be negotiated with each historical entity.

"We simply can't turn the money over to them," Compo

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Curator starts at historical museum

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

The Crawford County Historical Museum hopes to offer more opportunities to visitors and students now that a local history buff has come on board to handle day-to-day operations.

Priscilla Geyer started as the curator for the Crawford County Historical Museum last week.

"I really like history, so when the opportunity came up, I took it," Geyer said.

Hiring a part-time curator was one of the goals of the Crawford County Historical Society following the first Steam Train Excursion held last October, which raised funds allowing the museum to open its doors this year.

Kay Cosgray, the president of the Crawford County Historical Society, met Geyer through



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Priscilla Geyer started as the curator for the Crawford County Historical Museum last week. Above, Geyer stands by the logging display in the museum.

another hat she wears.

Cosgray is the business liaison

for the Grayling Michigan Works office. Geyer visited Michigan Works office seeking employment and a match was found between the museum's needs and the Senior Community Service Employment Program, which is aimed at keeping trained and reliable employees active in the work force. One of the focal points of the program is to provide workers for governmental and non-profit organizations.

"This is going to allow us to open the museum more, to market the museum, to catalog some of the pictures and artifacts that our volunteers could not get done during the year and will hopefully open a lot of opportunities for us," Cosgray said.

Geyer, a Detroit native, has lived and worked in California, Virginia and Minnesota.

"I guess I have an adventurous spirit," Geyer said.

Geyer has a background in banking and office work. She typed documents for the U.S. Navy while she was working in Virginia.

Geyer and her husband, Ken, have lived in Grayling for the last 15 years, and decided to move here after traveling through the community to visit family.

"We love the area with the AuSable River and the hunting," she said.

Geyer has kept busy cleaning and organizing the museum for its Wednesday, May 24 opening.

She has been coordinating with the Michigan State University's Master Gardener program, which has volunteered to plant the gardens and flowers at the museum this year.

Geyer has also been introducing herself to museum volunteers and has made the rounds to meet downtown business owners.

Geyer said she got a unique perspective being in the museum, which was a former train depot, as a Lake State Railway train passed by last week, breaking up the peacefulness in the building.

"I can understand how people felt waiting for the train, and I was imagining what it must have been like," Geyer said.

Geyer is looking forward to meeting tourists and school groups as they tour the museum. Picnic tables have also been placed in the museum's garden area, which will allow families to have lunch outside the museum when they visit.

"I think it's going to be a fun summer, and I look forward to meeting all the people as they take the tour of the museum," she said.

Geyer will also be involved with planning for a Red Hat Society event, which will be held at the museum in August, and the 2006 Steam Train Excursion which will be held Oct. 7-8. A fund-raiser is also being planned, where museum volunteers will sell donated items.

Voters to decide bond for bussing

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Vollmer said that not replacing the busses requires a lot of maintenance funds to be spent to keep the busses on the road.

"Just like any vehicle -- the older they get -- the more maintenance it needs," Vollmer said.

If the bond proposal is approved, the district would be able to purchase two busses per year for the next six years, allowing the district to use general fund dollars elsewhere and curb high maintenance costs.

"I am hopeful that our community will understand the great need for additional support for the district," Powers said. "This bond will allow us to continue to adequately provide support for our families with transportation."

Vollmer said the busses are at capacity, forcing the need to deny passes for additional students who seek transportation on

the busses. For the current school year, the district eliminated a plan to force students to walk to congregated bus stops by eliminating one bus route and combining other routes, Vollmer said.

Energy conservation projects would also be made to cut costs, particularly at the Grayling Middle School and Grayling Elementary School, which are the oldest school facilities in the district.

Lighting and mechanical upgrades would be made in other school buildings.

Sandra Enos, Judith Gorski, John "Jack" Pilon and Carol E. Ramaswamy are running for two-four year seats on the Crawford AuSable School District board.

Polls will be open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Grayling City Hall or the township halls where voters are registered.

Wildfires deemed suspicious

Fire officials are investigating two suspicious fires which were started on state land in Beaver Creek Township last week.

The Beaver Creek Township Fire Department was dispatched to the fires which occurred on Shepherd Trail just south of Seven Mile Road around 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19. One fire burned about an acre and a half and was put out by firefighters. The Department of Natural Resources firefighters also responded to the scene and plowed in the burning forest land with bulldozers.

The second fire, which occurred about two miles away, burned about a quarter of an acre and went out on its own.

Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief Ed Holtecamp said they're looking into the cause of the fires do to the time of day they occurred and the proximity of the blazes.

Holtecamp urged people not to burn since no burning permits are being issued through the DNR.

"Nobody understands until they see how fast it gets away from them," Holtecamp said.

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Footbridge replacement studied

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Liability and maintenance costs were two issues Crawford County officials raised last week with a proposal to assume ownership of a planned bridge that would cross the East Branch of the AuSable River, expanding the community's trail system.

The Grayling River Walk Steering Committee is seeking support for a project to replace the footbridge located behind Mercy Hospital Grayling which crosses the river.

The committee hopes to replace the bridge with a structure that would be American Disability Act compliant.

Bruce Patrick, environmental monitor for Crawford County and chairman of the Fish Hatchery Steering Committee, said he was told that the bridge was built 40 years ago. Patrick added that the county acquired the property on the east side of the river when it assumed ownership of the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

The area around the footbridge has been washed out, exposing tree roots and making it difficult to get across the river.

"It's difficult to even get a bike up and down the bridge," Patrick said.

Engineers from the Northwest Design Group based in Petoskey have determined it would cost \$195,000 to replace the footbridge with a timber bridge with side spans. A second option would be a prefabricated steel truss bridge, which would cost \$201,000.

Officials hope to give access to the future river walk to Mercy



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Grayling River Walk Steering Committee is seeking support for a project to replace the footbridge located behind Mercy Hospital Grayling, which crosses the East Branch of the AuSable River.

Hospital patients. The bridge and river walk would also connect the Grayling Fish Hatchery and Grayling Township Nature Park to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library and the downtown business district. Eventually, trails are planned to go along North Down River Road, extending to the trails at the Rayburn Estates property.

Although not immediately involved with the project, Wayne Koppa, chairman of the Crawford County Pathway Committee, is all for the bridge proposal.

"If there can be a link between the fish hatchery and the trail system, that would be a great recreational and education opportunity for the community," Koppa said.

The river walks studies are being funded through an \$18,000 grant the county received through the U.S. Forest Service through the National Forest

Dependent Communities Development Economic Act of 1990, which was passed to help areas which are dependent on the timber industry where persistent poverty exists.

About 38,000 acres of the Huron-Manistee National Forest is located in Crawford County.

The funds were made possible due to a Community Action Plan, which was submitted by the Huron Pines Resources and Conservation District Council (RC & D), to the Forest Service. Last year, local officials met with Huron Pines RC & D officials and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments planners to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the community, which was part of the requirement of the plan.

Kathleen Ryan, a project coordinator for the Huron Pines RC & D, said she hopes that existing groups of county, city, townships, Crawford AuSable School,

and hospital officials will come together to raise funds and move the bridge project forward.

"Huron Pines does not want to be in the trail business, so that is encouraging us to get a consolidated group together for the long term," Ryan said.

The river walk steering committee is seeking approval from the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to build the bridge on county property and for the county to assume ownership of the bridge.

Commissioners will discuss the proposal next month, saying that the liability and maintenance costs factors were two of the immediate issues with the proposal that have to be weighed.

"It will always come to the biggest entity who they assume has the biggest pockets," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, regarding the liability issue.

Liaison appointed to housing commission

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

County officials took several steps last week to revamp the operations at the Crawford County Housing Commission.

The county board of commissioners appointed County Commissioner Mike Lange to serve as a liaison to the Crawford County Housing Commission Board last week. Lange will serve as a non-voting member of the housing commission board, and will attend their meetings to ensure that the board is complying with recommendations and state laws for governmental agencies.

Theresa Kaiser was appointed to serve a two-year seat on the housing commission board. James Smith was appointed to fill a five-year term on the housing

board.

Ken Talsma, the county auditor, was directed by county officials to review housing commission records and make recommendations.

Last week, Talsma said bids approved by a housing commission bid committee should be part of the approval of minutes kept for housing commission meetings.

Talsma also recommended that a policy be developed for the foreclosure on property for non-payment of housing commission loans and subsequent sale of property be approved.

Housing commission officials were also directed to formulate a policy for writing off uncollectible loans and to determine an allowance for uncollectible

loans

Finally, Talsma suggested board approve all invoices, bids, vouchers and travel vouchers from housing commission director Cy Wakeley

County Treasurer Joe Wakeley and Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandy Moore will take over issuing checks and keeping financial records for the housing commission on June 1. Joe Wakeley and Moore will also assist the housing commission staff with updating information regarding individual loan balances and will update the reports on a quarterly basis.

"I like to see things in black and white," Commissioner Rick Anderson said.

Housing commission business has been before the county board

in recent months after a Grayling Township resident appealed to commissioners to address workmanship issues for a remodeling project funded through the housing commission.

Earlier this month, a workshop was held with county attorney Bonnie Toskey to train housing commission members on the state's open meetings act and freedom of information act requirements.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the county board, said the county would continue such education initiatives to address liability issues.

"We think everything will be fine now, but we're going to continue with training to make sure everything is up to snuff," Stephenson said.

Jail guard suffers eye injury

A Crawford County corrections officer was injured Sunday when he was assaulted by a teen from Cadillac.

Justin Martz, 17, attacked Sgt. James Golnick on Sunday in the jail.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said Golnick was attempting to calm Martz down because he was throwing things inside the cell.

"As soon as he opened the door, he just lunged at him without any warning and tried to poke his eyeball out," Wakefield said.

It took three officers to subdue Martz. Golnick suffered a scratched cornea during the melee.

Martz was in the county jail because he had assaulted three people while he was at Camp Shawano. He was transferred to a mental health facility downstate on Monday, Wakefield said.

Correction

In the April 13, 2006 Avalanche, Military Honors: Mary Luke was inadvertently omitted as the mother of Timothy J. Luke.



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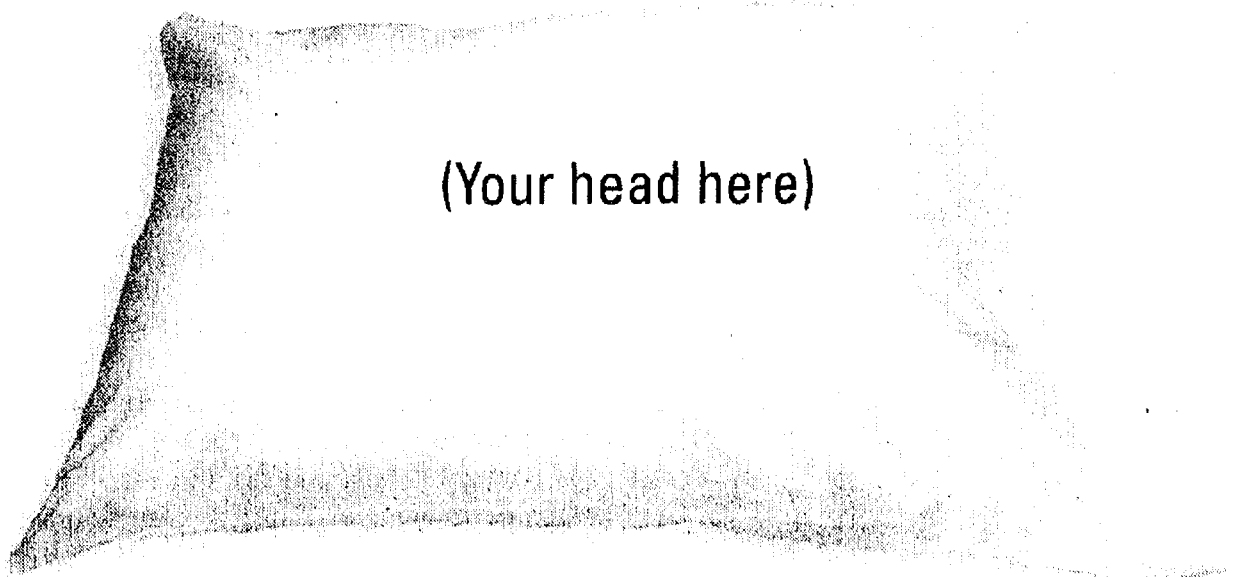
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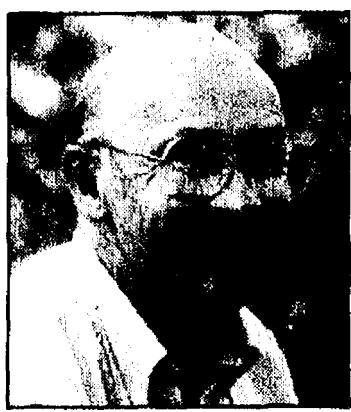
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Talk aplenty about taxes; now action is stirring

FOR THE LAST few years, plenty of talk about state taxes has swirled in and about the Michigan state capital in Lansing, but definitive action has been on the short side.

It's not that there hasn't been agreement on some state tax issues.

Most everyone within the Lansing beltway seems to agree taxes on business are an important reason why job producers don't settle or expand here, and the overall state tax burden on business is so high it retards Michigan's economic recovery.

Almost everyone agrees the Michigan single business tax (SBT) is probably the main culprit scuttling economic growth and should be eliminated or at least severely modified.

And almost everyone seems to agree taxes on ordinary citizens — that is, taxpayers and voters — should not be raised.

But with all this agreement, very little tax reform progress has

solidified.

STATE LEGISLATORS have tried. A few weeks ago, led by Republican majorities, they passed a measure to eliminate the single business tax at the end of 2007.

That's action.

But Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Democrat, wielded the veto axe, and the repeal was not to be. That's action, too.

The SBT will bring almost \$2 billion this year into the state treasury. If SBT is repealed, how does the state fill that \$2 billion hole?

Present law already provides the SBT will expire at the end of 2009. The Republican backed early repeal would gain only 24 added months of business tax relief, but it would send a positive signal to business, and would give next year's legislature and governor 12 more months to decide what to do next.

Gov. Granholm has challenged

the legislature to go back to the drawing board now.

"I've made my position clear," she said in a recent statement. "I will not allow the business tax burden to be put on the backs of Michigan families. If the Republican leaders can accept that basic principle, we could eliminate the SBT tomorrow and replace it with a better business tax."

What's her plan for a "better business tax"? She's not specific. Neither are legislative leaders. It seems both sides want to help Michigan business with tax relief, but not lose any revenue in the process, and not tax people (i.e., voters) more. Now that's a real challenge.

Was there a touch of politics involved in all of this, on both sides? Well . . .

ONE MAIN element of the present virtual stalemate is that one party — Republicans — controls the legislature, with the

power and responsibility to enact laws to change taxes, and the other party — Democrats — controls the executive office — where Gov. Granholm has the power of the veto to any changes not in keeping with her values and goals. While Republicans control the legislature, they do not have the two-thirds strength needed to override a veto.

Other significant elements of this situation is that 2006 is an election year, Gov. Granholm is a candidate for re-election, and state house and senate both are up for election, too. Neither side is anxious for any action that might make the other look good.

The next step may lie directly with Michigan voters. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, a statewide Republican wheel who wanted to be governor himself earlier in his career, is championing a petition drive to put repeal of the SBT before the Michigan voters in the November election.

Under this referendum, the same bill the legislature passed and Gov. Granholm vetoed would go before the legislature again, including the 2007 expiration date, and if approved, could not be vetoed by the governor. This referendum procedure is provided by the state constitution.

The SBT, incidentally, is especially loathed by small business owners, who generally believe they pay an unfair lion's share of that \$2 billion. The tax is based on gross receipts and not profit, and hits every business grossing \$350,000 or more, profitable or not. Adopted in the late 1970s in the latter years of Republican Gov. Bill Milliken's tenure, the SBT replaced the former business activities tax, which had become even more onerous to business, plus the corporation franchise fee and a handful of other state business taxes. At the time, the SBT was considered as positive tax reform that would

help business.

Chances are if the Patterson initiative is approved and the present legislature acts, the same measure will pass again. Then Michigan political leaders elected in November will have a gun at their heads to find some ways to fill that \$2 billion gap in the state budget. Will it be new business taxes? Higher consumer taxes? More cuts in spending and state services? Or a combination of all these elements?

Perhaps a more significant question — and one that's inextricably tied up in all this business tax maneuvering — is who will be elected in November, so who will make these tough decisions, probably next year?

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

The forest represents natural and spiritual elements

To the editor,

Where do beauty, aesthetics, tourism, property values etc. come into consideration by the DNR in planning for the cutting of the forest? Most Michigan citizens and tourists do not look at the forest as a farmer looks at a cornfield. We are aware of the mystique of the forest as extolled by our poets or painted by our artists. The forest represents natural and spiritual elements so often unavailable in our increasingly urban world.

It is inconceivable that in a state which is increasingly dependent on tourism that there is little special consideration for maintaining the natural beauty of the forest lands. Most forest practices result in the creation of an ugly devastated terrain. Residents and tourists are both appalled by the ravaging of the area.

Could we have a "good neighbor" policy from the DNR that would leave buffer strips along

our roads when clear cutting occurs? Could we have some clean up of slash and an avoidance of cutting right up to within a short distance from private homes? Such a policy would avoid the visual pollution that is so detrimental to the beauty of an area.

Townships and other governing bodies have established greenbelts around lakes and rivers to protect fragile environments and to preserve natural beauty. Could we have a green belt at least along our well traveled paved roads?

I believe it is possible to manage our woodlands sensitively for both the health of the forest and the health of the tourist economy. Even more importantly the forest should be managed so our citizens do not have to endure a forest form of urban blight.

Lynn Hoehn
K.P. Lake

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VIEWPOINT

By Sherry Haag, Mercy Hospice Volunteer Coordinator

Hospice Volunteers: It's about how you live

April 23 – 29 is National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize the efforts of the thousands of men and women in this country who give of their time and talents to help others. Nowhere is the importance of volunteering more strongly seen than among our nation's hospice programs. Hospice volunteers accompany people on one of life's most challenging journeys — the end of life.

Nationwide more than 500,000 volunteers provide over 10 million hours of service annually to Americans coping with life-limiting illness and to their families. They provide compassion, friendship and dignity at a time when they are needed most.

There is a common misconception that hospice is about giving up and giving in. That's not at all true — and hospice volunteers

know this firsthand. In fact, many volunteers came to hospice after experiencing the special care hospice provided to a loved one.

Hospice involves a team-oriented approach of expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's wishes. Support, training and care also is provided to family and loved ones. Help with the grief that accompanies the death is offered for a year following the loss.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that 1,060,000 patients were served by hospice in 2004 — a number that continues to rise year after year.

Hospice volunteers make this special care possible. Volunteers are there to hold a hand and lis-

ten, or to take a person to their favorite place in the park, or to read or write a letter. Volunteers may run errands, walk a dog, or even help out in a hospice's office. Volunteers are there to step in when a family member needs a break. And they are there for the family and friends after their loved one has passed away.

People often ask hospice volunteers "Isn't it depressing?" Most volunteers will tell you that "It's the most rewarding thing they've ever done." Hospice volunteers help patients and families live every day as fully as possible. And they make a difference in their own lives. Hospice is about how you live. Patrick Hanafin, local Mercy Hospice volunteer, shares his views with new volunteers, "You will get much more than you give from

the hospice patients. They have many life stories and experiences to share that will enrich your lives."

Mercy Hospice salutes and recognizes the support of Crawford County Mercy Hospice volunteers Patrick Hanafin, Wilma Case, Mel & Ann Fishell, Howard King Sr., Maria Klosowski, Jane Lange, George Morse, Jim Nygard, Jack & Arlene Sabin, Dawn, Amber, & Kayla Pindell, Jeff Steffey, Martha Walrath, and Rosalie Weigand. Your help is essential in our mission to provide quality care to those with life limiting illnesses and to assist in adding life to days not days to life.

For more information on hospice or volunteering, contact Mercy Hospice, 989-348-4383 / 800-424-1457.

VIEWPOINT

By Michael Moore, Forester and retired Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 1966

Michigan's State forests enter second century

The citizens of Michigan owe a great debt of gratitude to a few visionary conservationists who campaigned hard and long for the establishment of a state forest reserve more than one-hundred years ago. For example, Charles W. Garfield of Grand Rapids spent many years as President of the Michigan Forestry Association and was the Chairman of the Michigan Forestry Commission at the turn of the century. Garfield worked with enthusiasm, commitment

and dedication to achieve this goal. Other prominent forestry leaders of the day included Dr. William J. Beal of the Michigan Agricultural College and William M. Mershon of Saginaw. Garfield was responsible for hiring Filibert Roth as the first State Forest Warden in 1903 when the state legislature set aside 34,000 acres as the first Forest Reserve in the Higgins lake area. Roth was replaced in 1910 by Marcus Schaaf, the longest serving State Forester in

Michigan history. Schaaf oversaw the expansion of this magnificent public land base to 3.5 million acres. He led the great reforestation efforts on those largely cutover, burned over, and often abandoned agricultural lands in the Upper Peninsula and the northern half of the Lower Peninsula.

These largely non-productive lands have been lovingly protected, managed and cared for by a succession of professional foresters, biologists and techni-

cians over the years, through world wars, depression, recessions, tight budgets and good times. Today the nearly four-million acres of state forests provide untold hours of easily accessible recreation for hunters, campers, hikers and a myriad of other users. These forests protect our watersheds, provide habitat for game and non-game wildlife species, and fuel the economy of the state.

In testimony to the recovery of these abandoned lands, it should be noted that the quality and quantity of timber removals has steadily increased since the first timber was first sold. In 1955, for example, approximately 180,000 cords were sold for about \$600,000 in revenue. Today, approximately 700,000 cords of usable materials are harvested each under complex management plans. And the forests are actually growing more wood than is removed each year. The annual revenue exceeds \$30 million, which is returned to the state's coffers.

The next century is bright for the Michigan state forests, as asset for all our citizens.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper

use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

COA hosts blood pressure clinic

The Grayling Senior Center at 308 Lawndale St., will hold a blood pressure clinic, sponsored by Mercy Hospice, on Tuesday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information or to schedule an appointment call 348-7123.

Church to host Calvarymen Quartet concert

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 905 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, will host the Calvarymen Quartet in concert, Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m. The concert is free.

Church to hold pancake supper

The Community of Christ Church, 1030 Glenn Rd., Grayling, is holding an AuSable Pancake and Sausage Supper on April 29, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Suggested donation for the meal is \$5.

Mother's Day Dinner to be held

The Senior Center at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will hold a Mother's Day Dinner on May 4, at 5 p.m. Dinner includes roast turkey w/ dressing, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, Prince Charles vegetables, rolls, cherry pie and ice cream along with a salad bar. A musical program will follow dinner featuring the Michelson Singers. Cost is \$3 for seniors and children under 12 and \$5 for adults under 60. For more information, contact Louise Mize at (989) 348-7123.

VFW Auxiliary to hold Loyalty Day

The VFW Auxiliary Post #3736 will hold Loyalty Day, on May 1, at 1 p.m., at the Eternal Flame of the Court House.

Blood drive to be held

There will be a community blood drive on May 3, from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion.

State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall garden club will meet Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served. Call Cindy Cain at 344-1420 for information.

Job fair to be held

The Crawford County Job Fair will be held on Monday, May 1, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Grayling High School Media Center. Over 20 employers will be available.

Grayling K of C to hold Pastie sale

The Grayling K of C are now taking orders for Albie's Pasties through Wednesday, May 3. Pasties can be picked up on Saturday, May 6 or Sunday, May 7. To place an order or for information call 348-7657.

Sheriff offers boater safety workshop

Deputy Jason Alexander from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a boating safety course on Saturday, May 6.

The class will be held at the sheriff's office, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m.

Participants should be at least 12-years-old.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Boating

Safety School Certificate.

Under state law, all anyone born after Dec. 31, 1979 needs a boating certificate to legally operate a personal watercraft.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests that all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

The class is limited to 40 participants, who must register by calling Tina Bassett at the Sheriff's Office at 344-3214 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 28 - Lunch - pork roast, baked potato, mixed vegetables, and applesauce. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Stageette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Monday, May 1 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, peas, boiled potatoes, and peaches. Dinner - bake fish, broccoli, O'Brien potatoes, and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, May 2 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and grapes. Dinner - BBQ chicken, oven roasted potatoes, smothered squash, and tropical fruit. 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. blood

pressure clinic-Mercy Hospital.

Wednesday, May 3 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken, California blend vegetables, tossed salad, and pineapple. Dinner - baked ham, Brussels sprouts, AuGratin potatoes, applesauce, and pumpkin custard. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at K of C Hall, 10 a.m. line dancing, 5:30 p.m. Burger King bingo.

Thursday, May 4 - Lunch - meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and mixed fruit. Mother's Day Dinner - roast turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, Prince Charles vegetables, rolls, cherry pie and ice cream. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. sharing our history group, 5 p.m. Mother's Day dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Students can learn about careers during summer camps

Kirtland Community College is again co-sponsoring Health Careers Exploration Camps this summer in Gaylord/Cheboygan and Tawas. Students currently in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to explore the many optional futures that the health field offers.

During the camps, students will attend interactive sessions to learn more about a variety of health careers. The cost is \$10 per student. Transportation and lunch are provided. Reservations are required by Monday, May 1.

Both camps take place Tuesday through Thursday, June 20-22, from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. each day.

The Tawas camp will be hosted at the Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency (IRESA) the first two days and at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital the third day. For information or registration forms, call the IRESA at 989-362-3006, ext. 141.

Sponsors for the Tawas camp include Michigan Works!, St. Joseph Health System, IRESA and Kirtland Community College.

The Gaylord/Cheboygan camp takes place at M-TEC/University Center in Gaylord the first two days and at either Otsego or Cheboygan memorial hospitals the third day. For information or registration forms, call North Central Michigan College in Gaylord at 989-705-3775 or in Cheboygan, 231-597-0322.

Sponsors for the Gaylord/Cheboygan camp include Cheboygan High School, Cheboygan Memorial Hospital, Gaylord High School, Michigan Works!, North Central Michigan College, Otsego Memorial Hospital and Kirtland Community College.

Health Careers Exploration Camps are funded in part by Michigan Regional Skills Alliances.

Three blood drives were held in March

The American Red Cross held three blood drives held in March. On March 2, a blood drive was held at the Frederic Township Hall.

A blood drive was held at Grayling High School for students and the community, on March 3. There were 71 donors registered. One gallon pins were awarded to: Darrin Hawes and June Lutz. There were 26 first time donors: Sara Babbitt, Todd Cardoza, Michael Cousins, James Crittenden, Troy Gasser, Christopher Gildner, Jesse Ginter, Theodore Gomez, III, James Haight, Thomas Hall Jr., Dustin Harmer, Arica Hart, Casey McCuan, Michelle McGuire, Candace J. Odden, Chelsea Papendick, Douglas Pummell, Jessica Sanfilippio, John Schneider, Cody Schultz, Crystal Schwartz, Matthew Seelye, Ryan Smith, Clarence Stanley, Meghan Thomas and

Danielle Williams.

The Holiday Inn held a drive on March 7, with 58 donors participating. One gallon pins were awarded to: Lee Bresnon and Carole Hendrich. Three gallon pin to: Vicki Royston; five gallon pin to: James F. Lawless; and a six gallon pin to: Donald Chio. There were eight first time donors: Jeff Schut, Ron Sekely, Ryan Perriski, Larry Russell, William Rutter, Ray Duley, Wendy Clarkson, and Billy Jo Breamon.

The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, May 3, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion hall. At all drives, donors are requested to bring a photo ID or their Red Cross donor card.

'National Day of Prayer' to be held

By Presidential declaration, the first Thursday of May is annually set aside as the "National Day of Prayer". In observance of this day, area churches are planning to gather Thursday, May 4, at noon, at the flagpole on the lawn of the Crawford County Building for a brief time of worship, repentance, and intercessory prayer. Petition will be included on behalf of all public officials and those in authority in Crawford County, the State of Michigan, and the United States.

"In view of the many problems facing our country, Divine intervention, guidance and provision will be sought," said Kathy Jameson from Resurrection Life Fellowship. All Crawford County citizens and churches are urged to join in this observance of the "National Day of Prayer."

For information, call Burning Bush Tabernacle at 348-1278 or Resurrection Life Fellowship at 348-9382.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 23 of \$25 each: Bill Holton, Harry Kauffman, and Nicole Moran.

Re-Elect Carol Ramaswamy CASD School Board Tuesday, May 2, 2006

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Toupin Chiropractic OPEN HOUSE

MAY 3, 2006

2PM - 6PM

Dr. Suzanne Toupin will be moving to New Mexico and Dr. Laurie Woodruff will be taking over the clinic. Please stop by to say Goodbye to Dr. Toupin and Hello to Dr. Woodruff.

Toupin Chiropractic Clinics, P.C.
1406 S. I-75 Business Loop Grayling
(989) 348-4560
drgrayling@nemichigan.com or
www.toupinchiropractic.com

What Do You Know About Your County?

Enter now to win an oil change at Scott McNamara Ford, Gift Certificate for Super Wash at Diane's Car Wash, and Dinner for Two at Big Boy Restaurant & Bakery! Week 3 Question: What is one key aspect of the New Economy and why is it so important?

Answer _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Mail or deliver entry to Gaila Gilliland, CCEDP, 213 James St., P.O. Box 141, Grayling, MI 49738 or submit answer by email to gailag@i2k.com. Deadline: 5 p.m., Monday, May 1. One weekly winner per household allowed for duration of 5-week contest. Weekly winners will be entered in drawing for Grand Prize. In the case of multiple correct weekly answers, a winner will be randomly selected. CCEDP staff and board members are not eligible to win. Brenda Myers correctly answered last week's question, "What is the Economic Development?" Answer: Economic development is the process creating sustainable jobs and wealth. Randomly selected from among all correct entries, Myers received a \$25 Gift Card from Glen's, \$10 Gift Certificate from Flowers by Josie, and Gift Certificate for Super Wash at Diane's Car Wash.

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The Bible Speaks

Moralists are Condemned by Ingratitude

Like the pagans, the moralists are condemned for not being thankful to God. "21Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." (Romans 1:21,22) Now the Moralists are told in Romans 2:4: "4Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

First they are ungrateful by despising God's provision of His riches of goodness, forbearance and longsuffering. They assume God's goodness to them is His reaction to their own moral goodness. They fail to realize God makes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and rain to fall upon the just and unjust.

This miss the truth of Psalm 145:9: "The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." Jesus taught His disciples in Luke 6:35 to love even their enemies

because God is "...kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

The moralists despise God's forbearance or tolerance toward them, because like the demons they think they are the ones who are tolerating and putting up with the demands of a Holy God. As the demons said in Matt 8:29: "29And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? They do not believe in the longsuffering of God before the flood in 1 Pet. 3:20: "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." They do not recognize God's present longsuffering in 2 Pet 3:9: "9The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Moralists are willingly ignorance of knowing God's pathway to repentance because they refuse to know God, His word and His will for their lives. As

Jesus said in John 3:19,20, they face condemnation because they love darkness or sin rather than light or truth because their deeds are evil and they refuse correction.

Moralists despise the purpose of God's goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering toward them because they refuse to accept God gift of repentance and redemption. "...Not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" When Jesus said in Matt. 9:13: "...I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," they refuse to be called sinners even by a Holy God. Moralists refuse to accept God's gift of repentance as stated in 2 Tim 2:25: "25In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." Ingratitude is a hateful and deadly sin against the goodness and forbearance and longsuffering of a wonderful God. Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES



Sarah L. Barber

Oct. 20, 1918 - April 22, 2006
Sarah L. "Sally" Barber, 87, passed away on April 22, 2006. Sally was born on October 20, 1918 in Bay City.

She owned a cabin in Grayling and for years enjoyed traveling and staying there. She was a very active member of St. Michael Episcopal Church. She volunteered at Ingham Medical Hospital for over 25 years. She retired from J.C. Penney after many years of service. She was a member for over 40 years of the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society of Lansing as well as many years with the Lansing Camera Club.

Sally was particularly fond of crafts, she was known for her Raggedy Ann & Andy dolls, quilts and crocheting blankets. Her knitting needles were always going.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Diane) Barber of Valatie, NY; son-in-law, Roland Self of Dimondale; grandchildren: Christina (Sara) Barber-Just, Julie Barber, Todd Self, Troy (Lisa) Self; four great-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren are expected in July; brothers, Don (Sally) Wolverton of Bay City, Jim (Gerrie) Wolverton of TN; brother-in-law, Ross Atkinson of Bay City; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carlisle Barber; daughter, Karen Self; sister, Ginny Atkinson; and brother, Bud Wolverton.

The funeral service was held on April 25, 2006 at St. Michael Episcopal Church, Lansing, with Rev. W. Richard Hamlin officiating.

Interment followed in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Episcopal Church or Hospice of Lansing, 6035 Executive Dr., Suite 103, Lansing, MI 48911-5338.

Arrangements made by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes.

William C. Beck

Mar. 15, 1924 - Apr. 21, 2006
William Christopher Beck, passed away on Friday, April 21, 2006.

William was born on March 15, 1924, in Galien, to Henry Clifford and Lois (Britton) Beck. He married Claudine Wolford and then married the late Jaunita (Brown) Beck.

William enjoyed woodworking, especially custom birdfeeders. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on February 24, 1943. While in the army, he served overseas in WWII and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Eamet Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. He was discharged January 25, 1946.

He is survived by his special lady friend; Elizabeth Lepper; sons: Clifford (Sheryl) Beck of Grayling, Donald Beck of Texas, Christopher Beck of Grayling, Thomas (Jacque) Beck of Oklawaha, Fla.; daughters, Nadine (Floyd) Quiggle of Buchanan, and Ellen (Teddy) Hess, of Astor, Fla.; sisters, Mildred Wallace and Eunice Weaver; four stepchildren; 30 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Carol Ann Echelbarger, and sister, Cora Jane Przybylinski.

Funeral services were held on April 26, 2006 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

In Memory of

Betty Helsel
April 24, 2004

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our pride, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

We miss you and love you.
Sadly missed by
your family

Roy P. Papenfus

Dec. 25, 1912 - Apr. 22, 2006
Roy P. Papenfus, of Grayling, died on Saturday, April 22, 2006.

Roy was born on December 25, 1912, in Lovells, to Robert and Lola Emma (Hanna) Papenfus. He married Eva Lucille Johnson on June 22, 1934.

He lived in Grayling since November 10, 1968. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by six daughters: Nancy (James) Post of Hart, Carol (Paul) Bradstreet of Adrian, Jean (Arthur) McDonald of Grayling, Ruth (Phil) Jose of Gaylord, Helen (Steve) Englund of Bellevue, Wash., and Kathy (Lawrence) LaFollette of Concord; 22 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, in 2004; parents; brothers, Charles Papenfus and Robert Papenfus; sister, Helen Huffman; and son Thomas Papenfus.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Friday, April 28, 2006 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, with Pastor Robert Barnett officiating. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church Missionary Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

In Memory of

Lt. Thomas J. Graham
Dec. 26, 1927-Apr. 28, 1974.
You are in our hearts forever and loved so much.
We miss you!
Lenore, Lyssa and Luann

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for May.

Immunization clinics: May 3 and 17 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: May 2, 9, and 16. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: May 3, 8, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, and 25. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled May 5 and 16 in Grayling. Call 1-989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three to 18. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are being held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

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April through October
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Sunday School 10:30 am

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Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Jorgensen
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Sunday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based & non-denominational)
Pastor Larry Hankins
Associate Pastor Tom Fauce
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

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Sunday School 10:30 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
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Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 11 am

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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Shelter celebrates Adopt-A-Pet Day

Public invited to view new facility plans

While almost everyone is anxious for the 2006 groundbreaking of a new facility, there are several animals awaiting adoption at the current Animal Shelter of Crawford County. In an effort to find new homes for these wonderful pets, the shelter is participating in Adopt-A-Pet Day on April 29, sponsored by 9and10 News.

The shelter will be open that day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to welcome visitors to meet the many cats and dogs who deserve better than to live at the shelter. They will also get a chance to see why a new facility is so sorely needed and view architectural plans for the new shelter to be built on the old fairground property.

"Adopt-A-Pet Day is a great time for those who have never visited the shelter to learn firsthand our situation," said Patty Redinger, Vice President of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. "The current shelter has served its purpose very well for many years, but it's time now for a fresh start so we can continue our important mission of caring for the more than 500 homeless animals that come to us each year."

Thirty dogs and 21 cats have been adopted thus far in 2006, but there are still 23 dogs and 14 cats available for adoption. Included in those totals are three kittens and eight pups, all looking for new, loving homes.

The vast majority of the animals have been spayed or neutered and are up to date on



Each night in her playhouse, Hannah Kent reads a bedtime story to her new friend, Gordon. This gentle giant was adopted by the Kent family, of Toronto, Ontario back in December, one of more than 200 successful adoptions by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in 2005. (Photo used by permission of the Kent family)

their immunizations. "It is the law in Michigan that every animal adopted from a shelter, rescue or humane society be altered at the time of adoption or within 30 days of adoption," said Brenda Wargo, a trustee on the shelter's board of directors.

Wargo said this law has helped decrease the amount of unwanted litters of kittens and puppies, but there is still a long way to go. "With an average of 500 animals coming through our gates annually for the past three years, it's obvious there is still a problem getting people to understand the importance of spaying and neutering."

Shelter board President, Sharon Priebe, said this is also a great time for anyone who has had an eye on one of the dogs or

cats currently at the shelter to come and meet them.

"The spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo event is scheduled for May 6-7. All the pets that are healthy and altered will be headed to the Detroit Zoo with the hopes of being adopted downstate," she advised. "So, if you've been thinking of adopting a pet you've seen online at the Petfinder site or at the Very Best Pet Network, it's time to come and get 'em before they leave."

To view the shelter's Pet List, log on to: www.asc.petfinder.com and click on "Our Pet List" at the top of the page. The Pet List is updated on a daily basis.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72

East) between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall.

"We hope a lot of people will take a few minutes out of their day on Saturday to stop by the shelter and possibly meet their new best friend," said Janet Andrews, a board trustee. "We are also very anxious for the public to see the shelter plans."

"We'll be going from 13 dark, dank dog kennels to 27 bright and new. And from cats kept in cages to cats having the freedom to enjoy socialization, open play and a sunny window seat," said Cheryl Rulley, Secretary/Treasurer. "It's all very exciting and another new, great project for this community to be proud of. I hope to see you all on April 29."

Lovells Township Historical Society hosts trout opener

The Lovells Township Historical Society will host its fourth annual Trout Opener on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, at its museum complex and the Lovells Hall and Grounds, 8405 Twin Bridge Road in Lovells Township, Crawford County.

The topic of the 2006 museum exhibit is "The North Branch of the AuSable River: Past, Present and Future." The exhibit tells the story of the North Branch from glacial times to the present with artifacts, documents, maps and pictures in ten historical periods: Geography and Geology; Early Animals and Plants; Early Native American Inhabitants; French-English-Native American Conflict; Virgin Timber Lumbering; First Permanent Settlers; Second-Cutting Lumbering and Early Fishing; Twentieth Century Fishing and the River; Fishing and the River in the Present; and Future Prospects for Fishing and the River. The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Regular hours during the trout fishing season, April 29 to September 30, will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free and open to the public.

Programs on Saturday will feature three major presenters:

AuSable River expert Bob Linsenman of Rose City, author of numerous articles and books on the AuSable River, steelhead and trout fishing; fly tier; fly fishing guide; and part owner of Bob Linsenman's AuSable Angler fly shop in Mio, will present an illustrated talk, "The AuSable River Watershed," in conjunction with the exhibit from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the township hall.

Master Fly Tier Chris Helm, of Toledo will tie deer hair trout flies from 10 a.m. to noon and large deer hair bugs from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the township hall. Helm has been tying flies for more than 30 years. He teaches and travels around the United States and Europe doing workshops and demonstrations. In addition to six videos he has made, Helm has also published several articles in fly fishing magazines. The Federation of Fly Fishers honored him with the most prestigious award given in the world of fly tying, the Buz Buszak Memorial Award, in 2004. He is the owner of Whitetail Fly Tying Supplies in Toledo.

Master Fly Caster Dave Leonhard of Traverse City will demonstrate his popular fly casting program, "Dave's Dozen Do's and Don't's," from 10 a.m. to noon on the township grounds. He is the author of "Shooting Lines," a master certified casting instructor for the Federation of Fly Fishers; casting instructor for the Michigan Council Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing School; director of casting for the Orvis Michigan Fly Fishing School at the Homestead Resort in Glen Arbor; and the owner of Streamside, an Orvis fly shop in Traverse City and Glen Arbor. After his demonstration Leonhard will assist participants with their individual casting issues and he urges them to bring their rods.

Several other activities will be going on simultaneously during the weekend. Back by popular demand is the River Guide's Camp on the Township grounds, which will be serving free lunch of coffee and River Log Roller Chili from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and coffee and doughnuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

Sunday. A historic and contemporary AuSable Riverboat will also be on display. Children will be able to cast vintage bamboo fly rods to trout profiles on the lawn and win a historic AuSable fly from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Trout Opener Schedule: Saturday, April 29:

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - "The North Branch of the AuSable River: Past, Present and Future" exhibit in the museum complex, Township grounds.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - AuSable River Boat Exhibit near the River Guide's Camp, township grounds.

10 a.m. - noon- Dave Leonhard, "Dave's Dozen Do's and Don't's" of fly casting, township grounds.

10 a.m. - noon- Chris Helm, Tying Deer Hair Trout Flies, township hall.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Lunch at the River Guide's Camp, township grounds.

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Bob Linsenman, "The AuSable River Watershed," township hall.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Children's Fly Casting with Vintage Bamboo Fly Rods, township grounds.

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Chris Helm, Tying Large Deer Hair Bugs, township hall.

Sunday, April 30:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - "The North Branch of the AuSable River: Past, Present and Future" exhibit in the museum complex, township grounds.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - "AuSable River Boat Exhibit near the River Guide's Camp, township grounds.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Children's Fly Casting with Vintage Bamboo Fly Rods, township grounds.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - coffee and

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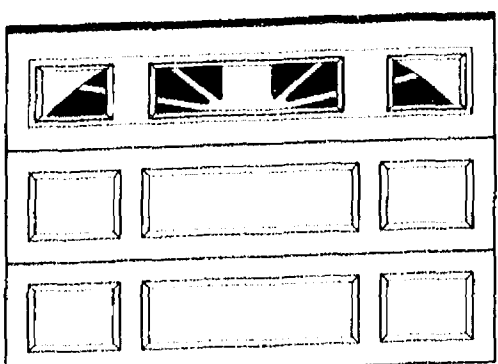
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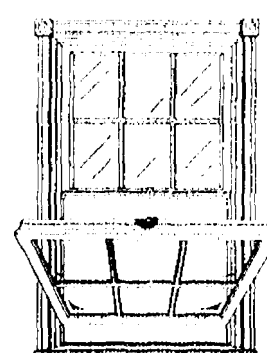
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Preserving the AuSable, two miles at a time

Arnold Ochs' conservation easement on the north branch of the AuSable River is accomplishing more than preserving two miles of riverfront.

It is also bucking the subdivision trend begun in the 1960s.

"The property came in two pieces," Ochs said. "I bought the first piece in 1990, and the second piece in '92 or '93."

The combined 270-acre property borders a prime site of the AuSable River. It is located near the historic Dam Four site, an area renowned among trout fishermen.

The largest brown trout I ever caught on the north branch was in a pool near Dam Four itself," Jim Enger, former fishing guide and author of *The Incomplete Angler*, said. "It's one of my favorite stretches of river."

Ochs also enjoys fishing the river. However, the pastimes the property provides are not limited to the riverbanks. In addition, he enjoys hunting grouse and woodcock in the fall, and snowmobiles through his property in the winter.

During his time on the property, he has come to know its intricacies.

"The forest is mixed between aspen and jack pine," Ochs said. "There are wild blueberries, wild raspberries and wild iris along the river."

A cabin and a guesthouse provide shelter in this oasis of privacy.

Civilization, though, is always encroaching.



A fly fisherman begins casting on the AuSable in front of Ochs' property. Notable anglers such as Rusty Gates and Jim Enger prize this stretch of the river.

"There have been several discussions (about this property) involving developers that were going to chop it into 20-acre parcels," Ochs said. "We don't have 20-acre lots in the lower section of the AuSable because people don't want it developed."

These discussions made Ochs aware of how special his property is.

"The main motivation why I want to put a conservation easement on this property is because this is about two miles of river frontage in northern Michigan, and there are very few pieces of property that size left," he said. "That quality of cold water stream needs to be preserved in sites like this if we're going to maintain our northern Michigan character."

To secure the conservation easement, Ochs worked with Headwaters Land Conservancy.

"Arnold's attorney contacted us two years ago," Fred Gottschalk, executive director of HWLC, said. "He was really happy to be doing this."

The stretch of the AuSable through the Ochs property has a

special meaning for Gottschalk as well.

"The first two trout I ever caught were at Dam Four," he said.

Even though Ochs bought the land for solitude and privacy, his conservation easement has drawn the attention of several prominent AuSable citizens.

"It's just a phenomenal stretch of water," Rusty Gates, a professional fishing guide and the owner of Gates AuSable Lodge & Professional Shop said. "There isn't a house on every bend, and it's awesome to think the property's gonna stay that way."

"It's a wonderful thing," Enger said. "That whole bank could be prime development property. That won't happen now, and it's a great thing."

"It's a major act of generosity," George Shaw, attorney and secretary of the AuSable North Branch Area Association, said. "What Arnold and his wife have done is going to inspire a lot of his neighbors who own tracts along the north branch."

The conservation of the Ochs

property ties in to HWLC's new AuSable River Watershed Project.

"We want to protect at least 25 miles of riverfront along the AuSable," Gottschalk said. "This is by far the largest piece of river frontage that we've protected to date, and we're hoping it will lay the ground for a lot more land protection along the AuSable."

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement that allows a landowner to permanently protect land and limit future development of the land, while retaining ownership and the ability to sell. Conservation easements are perpetual. Future owners of the land are held to the terms of the agreement, and the land conservancy is responsible for permanently monitoring and enforcing the terms. A building envelope for future home sites can be built into the conservation easement as long as it does not disrupt the conservation values of the property.

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More state tourism promotion pushed

by Matthew Schuler
Capitol News Service

Some lawmakers hoping to boost the number of tourists visiting Michigan say a bigger budget for promotion might help.

The state's own promotional agency, Travel Michigan, gets its operating money from general taxes and must compete with other programs for state funds. One fear is that the budget cut-backs mean there won't be enough to support one of Michigan's mega-industries, said Rep. Tim Moore, R-Farwell.

"We're looking for a place to get the money for an increase from," Moore said. "But at this point we don't have a definite place to pull it from."

The Michigan Hotel, Motel and Resort Association is a part of the group Tourism Improving Michigan's Economy (TIME). Along with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association, and others, TIME is lobbying for more funds to promote tourism.

"It's a bottom dollar investment," said Steve Yencich, president of the hotel association. "We need to go into states with higher amounts of consumer confidence."

"The number we're after is up significantly from the current budget, but the problem is that we need to be in a better competitive place with surrounding states."

"You can have the best product on the market," he said. "But if no one knows about it, then no one will buy it. We have a national product available, but we're not giving it national attention."

Currently, Travel Michigan's budget focuses for state tourism promotion on three main advertising markets: Chicago, Indianapolis and Cleveland.

Moore said, "We only promote the state in three areas outside of the state, and the UP is not going to see people from those areas come all the way up. If we had more dollars we'd be able to get the message out more."

Businesses in the Upper Peninsula that rely on tourism see only a trickle of people from those three areas, he said.

The UP's main pool of non-Michigan tourists comes from cities like Milwaukee and Minneapolis, Moore said.

"We have a tremendous amount that we can offer the nation, and people would drive

here," he said. "We also need to go after Ontario—we can reach those markets."

A Travel Michigan study examined the agency's investments in the three primary advertising markets.

"If you look at the study, the return on the dollar is good and it's something we have to do," Moore said.

A Travel Michigan official said "We spent about \$3 million in those markets last year and it generated \$165 million for Michigan."

"The return on investments was about \$3.43 per dollar we spent," said Vice President George Zimmermann.

The overall tourism promotion budget is \$7.5 - \$8 million a year.

"The matter of how to fund promotion is really an issue for the Legislature to work out," Zimmermann said. "But we do know that we've seen an erosion in our funding."

Last year Michigan ranked 31st in the amount that it spent on promotions. In 1990, it ranked 7th, Zimmermann said.

"We've gone from one of the better promoted states to kind of middle of the pack," he said. "It'd be like the auto companies trying to sell their products only in three other states. It just wouldn't work."

By comparison, Illinois spends nearly \$50 million advertising its tourism opportunities, Moore said.

"Our neighboring states are eating our lunch in tourism, because they're actively pursuing it," he said.

The state helps tourists through 13 welcome centers mostly near borders. The centers are run by the Michigan Department of Transportation, and they work with local businesses to promote their region.

"First impressions are important," said Vivian Haight, manager of the Menominee Welcome

Center. "If we give them everything they want, clean restrooms and good information, they're going to come back."

"We have brochures and we give out maps. We handle tourism information for the state," she said.

John Collins assistant manager of the Marquette Welcome Center said, "We give the attractions in Marquette and mileages from here to where their destination is and we work with the locals to promote tourism."

There's also a unique look and feel to some centers. For example, Marquette's used to be a log home.

"People call it the most beautiful welcome center around," Collins said. "We've got a huge deck that overlooks Lake Superior and a rock formation across the street that's 2 billion years old. There's a lot of old history in Marquette."

That history, however, doesn't let Marquette claim the oldest center. That honor belongs to Menominee's, which is not only the oldest in Michigan, but it's also the oldest continuously operating welcome center in the nation.

Zimmermann said Michigan residents love to tour the state.

"We have a very loyal in-state market," he said. "We're No. 4 in the country at keeping our tourists in state. The great opportunity is really coming from out of state. We need to be advertising in markets where there's more prosperity."

"I'm not a native son of Michigan," he said. "But Michigan has a national quality product for visitors. In the same ways that a lot of other states are competing for visitors—we can compete with those states for visitors from around the country."

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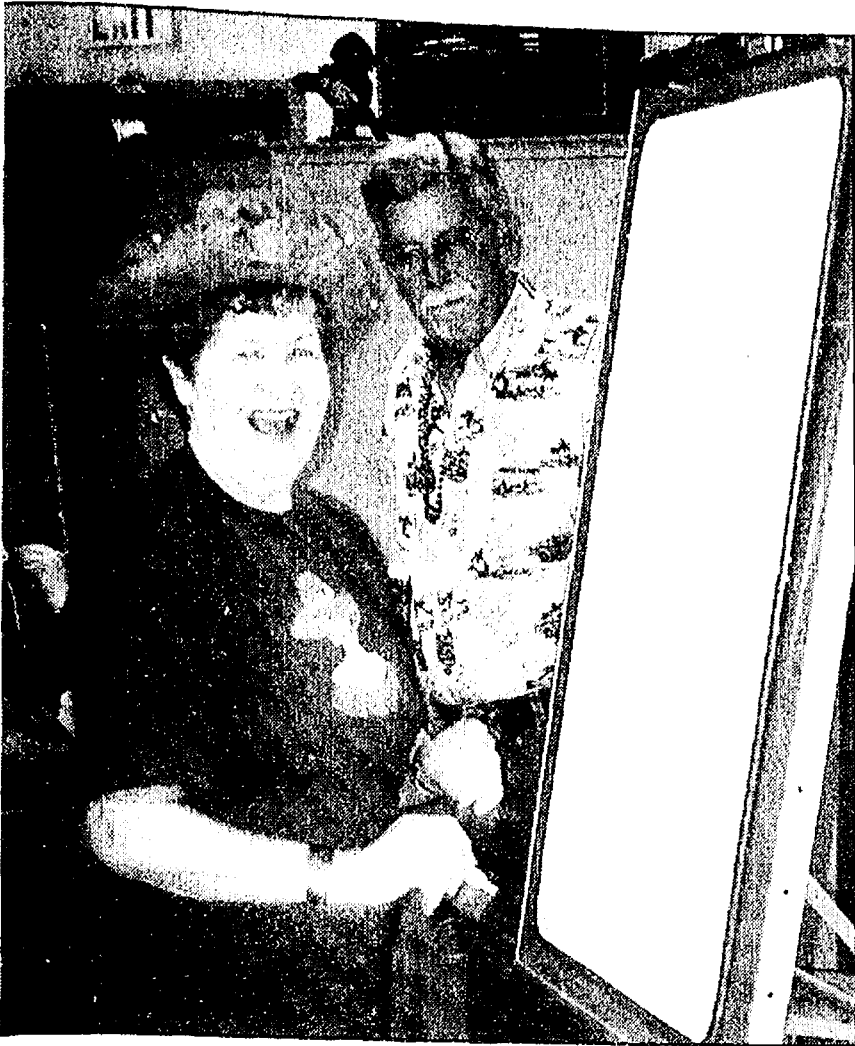
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Pictionary Olympics



Fun and good times were had at the 19th annual Pictionary Olympics held at the Grayling Eagles Club on Friday. The event was sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association. J. Dap was the first place winners, the team from Spike's finished second and a team from the Grayling Rotary Club came in third. Above left, Evelyn Kent, a member of the AuSable River Red Hatters, gets a chuckle while trying to draw clues for the word perk. Above right, 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet Allen and Grayling Attorney Monte Burmeister play on a new Pictionary Olympics tradition - the theft of the first place trophy with the J. Dap team. Members of the winning team were Jamie Greer, Pam Fisher, Dori Branson and Margaret Crocker. Below left, Allen and Burmeister check out frisbees from the Weyerhaeuser team as part of the bribes they received during Pictionary competition. Below right, Rick Schmidt, Max Tobin and Chris Burrell, members of the Grayling Youth Booster team, anxiously look on as team member Melissa Stone draws clues for the word tango.



GHS students build riverboat for Trout Unlimited

The Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited recently purchased an AuSable riverboat built by students at Grayling High School. The boat, which took approximately a year to build, was the project of the high schools' Alternative Education Program.

Students, Travis Isenbauer, Kayla Barnett and Marshall Jabsinger along with Terry Dickinson, their instructor, researched and developed designs and then embarked on the building of the boat. Unlike the typical marine plywood designs that are common, the students built an attractive 23' - 6" cedar strip version that sports cherry accents and hand painted motifs of fly patterns.

Mason-Griffith President, Dave Waltz, presented a check for \$2,500 to Grayling High School to support the school's S.O.S. program (Save Our Students). Additional funds are expected to be raised through a raffle sponsored by the TU (Trout Unlimited) chapter. 1000 tickets are available for purchase and the drawing will take place at the chapter's annual fund raising dinner. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Proceeds from the raffle are earmarked to fund the ongoing effort of the chapter's mission to conserve, protect and restore the AuSable and Manistee watersheds.

The AuSable River Boat is a historic boat used for fly-fishing on Michigan's AuSable and Manistee Rivers. Its origins date back to the mid to late 1800's when the region was experiencing a lumbering boom. The extremely stable design was ideal for travel and the transporting of supplies on the inland rivers. Legendary river guides such as Chief Shoppengon developed the use of the boat into an effective way to fish the rivers. The boat style is unique to the region and has been produced by numerous boat builders throughout the years.

The profile is long and narrow with a flat bottom, typically 23-24 feet in length. The boat is

maneuvered by the use of a pole and modern versions have adapted motor mounts. Updated design changes have been weight reduction due to the introduction of new materials. Old pine plank boats weighed as much as 350-400 pounds and more when waterlogged. Today's boats of marine plywood weigh 130-150 pounds. With the advent of polymers and epoxy finishes, the riverboats can be sealed so they will not take on water. These finishes enable the builders to utilize the more porous woods, and naturally these lighter boats make loading and transportation up and down the river easier.

The boat will be on display and touring the community. Scheduled events are April 28-Devereaux Memorial Library, all day and into the evening at the library's "Trout Opener Gala," 201 Plum St., Grayling. This is a free event. April 29 - The Lovells Township Historical Society - Trout Opener on Lovells Township Hall and Grounds, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Lovells Township. The topic of the 2006 museum is "The North Branch of the AuSable River: Past, Present and Future."

April 30 - Gates AuSable Lodge on the AuSable River at Stephens Bridge.

May 13 - Mason-Griffith Fund raising Dinner, Holiday Inn, Grayling.

Contact information: Dave Waltz, President/ Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter TU 989-344-9708, dwaltz@i2k.net, Mark Bear, Director/ Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter TU 989-344-8433, dbear@i2k.net, and Peter Ingvarsson, Service Learning

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Diabetes Expo
3-8 p.m.,
Wednesday, May 10,
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Join us for this community event to showcase diabetes management products and services. Appointments available for free eye screening, free foot screening, and \$15 cholesterol screening Call (989) 731-2194.

Bike Helmet Safety Day
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
Saturday, May 6,
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Have an existing bike helmet properly fitted or be fitted for a new one. Bring a bike and ride a bike safety course. Children fitted for a helmet will be eligible to win a new bike by Latitude 45 and 53 Bank. Bike helmets provided by the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. Other sponsors include OMH, Gaylord City Police and Otsego County EMS. For more information, call (989) 731-2124.

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Diabetes Self Management Education
Offered monthly in the OMH Professional Medical Building, this is a series designed to help those living with or recently diagnosed with diabetes to manage the disease and live a fulfilling life. Series covers the basics, risks of complications, medications, physical activity, meal plans, foot care and more. Call the OMH Diabetes Educator at (989) 731-2194 for information and a class schedule.

Family Fun Fair
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Freedom From Smoking
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I'm the Big Kid, Now!
Sibling Preparation Class
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 10
Designed for children ages 3-10 years who are expecting a new sibling. Children will explore life with a new baby using hands-on hospital play, bathing, diapering, art, story, and video. An adult must accompany each child. There is a \$7 fee per child. Call (989) 731-2124 to register.

Infant & Child CPR
6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Tuesday, June 27
A 3-hour training session intended for lay-persons who wish to learn CPR skills and first aid training for infants and children. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Pre-registration is required. Call Mary King at (989) 731-2193 for a class schedule.

Mardi Gras in May - The Annual Cherry Pink Dinner Dance, Otsego Club
6 p.m., Friday, May 19
An OMH Auxiliary fund-raiser. The theme is "Mardi Gras in May." A portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, a facility devastated by Hurricane Katrina. For tickets contact the Pink Evening Gift Shop at OMH at (989) 731-2409.

OMH Foundation 9th Annual Golf Benefit
9 a.m., Thursday, June 15
The 9th Annual Golf Benefit and a new Golf Ball Drop take place at the Treotops Fazio Course. For details on the Golf Benefit or Golf Ball Drop tickets, call the OMH Foundation at (989) 731-2342 or (989) 731-7769. Player registration and payment due by June 1, 2006.

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5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Wednesday, June 7
A three week workshop to actively involve participants in the quit process by reflecting on past quit attempts, making a detailed plan for a future quit attempt and making a commitment to devote time and energy towards quitting. The cost for this workshop is \$40. Please call (989) 731-2193 to register or for more information.

Smart Weigh - for adults
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 24
Smart Weigh, developed by OMH registered dietitian Eileen Mikus, RD, CDE, helps you identify the habits you need to break and begin the process of building new, healthier ones. This six-session series begins at 5:15 p.m. on May 24, 2006. The cost is \$60. Class topics include: behavior change, goal setting, hunger management, energy and metabolism, making new habits permanent, and an action plan for after the class ends. Please leave a detailed message at (989) 731-7979 to register. A registered dietitian will return your call.

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Civil War era log cabin restored

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"We didn't think anything about going to town, we had so much fun out there," Don said.

William Fairbotham paid a visit to the cabin when he returned to Grayling after living in Virginia three years ago.

"I didn't remember it being that small, but of course I wasn't very old," William said. "For those people to do what they're doing to save the cabin is something special, especially for my

family."

Marty Harris, a Grayling mason, said he went through several masonry books to find a formula for the chinking material that would be authentic and durable.

"I really love history and to do something like that is gratifying," Harris said.

Rutter discovered the cabin, which has been surrounded by another building, when he purchased the property 16-years ago.

Howard Taylor, the founder of nearby Wellington Farm Park, had offered to move the cabin down to the park.

Rutter said he declined the offer, but wanted to preserve the cabin to keep the character of the local community.

"It's been here so long and I just felt it belongs here," he said.

Rutter said that the cabin has helped put history such as the Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln in perspective for his grandchildren.

Several people stop by and visit the cabin and the scenic vista has been featured in a number of newspapers and publications.

The Rutters continue the farming tradition on the property, making it home to peacocks, chickens, cats, a pair of Great Danes and their yellow lab.

For the holidays, Rutter said he plans to decorate the cabin with garland and will have a lighted Christmas tree on the inside, which can be viewed from the roadway.

"I think it would absolutely

gorgeous, done up for Christmas," Rutter said.

Rutter, who builds custom furniture and does finish work for McClain and Sons Construction, eventually plans to have a work-

shop in the cabin after the interior is restored and he retires.

"I think that this would be a great place to display some of the furniture and hopefully I can sell some of it," he said.



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Ron Rutter, who builds custom furniture and does finish work for McClain and Sons Construction, eventually plans to have a workshop in the cabin after the interior is restored and he retires.

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Board studies historic preservation millage

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said. "We would be obligated to have a contract with them to provide that service."

Although still in its infancy stages, Kay Cosgray, president of the Crawford County Historical Society Board, was in favor of going for millage since they are struggling to find funds for upkeep and maintenance.

"We need to have our museum preserved and this would give funding for the preservation of the history of Crawford County," Cosgray said.

Jo Ann Smith, president of the Lovell Township Historical Society, said she hoped millage funds would be earmarked to pay for educational and enrichment programs.

"This would allow our communities to make their history a part of their future," Smith said. "Our kids in the community need to know how important the past was and how exciting of an area we live in."

The county board requested more information and business plans from each historical organization for its May meeting. The board faces a May 31 deadline if the millage is going to place on the August primary election ballot.

"If we going to sell this to the public, we are going to have explain how these dollars are going to be used," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Student body decline prompts layoffs

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will not receive \$500,000 from the state. The district has not received \$3.3 million from the state over the last four years due to the drop in student numbers.

Crawford AuSable School Superintendent Joe Powers said district staff has tracked enrollment over the past four years, and have discovered that 30 percent of the student population have left the district due to family moves or they are attending another school.

"We are a people business and to adjust to declining enrollment numbers we have to adjust our

staffing," Powers said.

The district is exploring the possibility of selling the Frederic Elementary School, which was closed in 2003, to Frederic Township.

The district is going to sell the "white office" located next to Citizens Bank, where the central offices for the district are located. Those administrative functions will be moved to the high school.

Three lots the district owns in the Sherwood Forest subdivision will also be sold.

The district is also going to sell timber on 40 acres of property located near Frederic.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of April 9 - April 16:

Two private property accidents, six traffic warnings, one traffic accident, one misdemeanor citation, two motorist assists, three juvenile complaints, three alarm complaints, one felony arrest, nine larceny complaints, two misdemeanor arrests, three malicious destruction of property complaints, one domestic violence complaint, two disturbing the peace complaints, six assist other departments, one civil complaint, one attempt to locate, one city ordinance violation, one suspicious situation and nine unclassified complaints.

Two-day martial arts tournament held at GHS

■ **Battle at the 45th Parallel draws 450 competitors and 1,500 spectators**

New World Karate's 3rd Annual Battle at the 45th Parallel tournament, held at Grayling High School last Friday and Saturday, featured about 450 participants competing in a variety of martial arts categories and divisions. The event included competition in weapons, breaking, continuous sparring, self-defense, team sparring, traditional forms, open forms, and point sparring.

"We got the competitors we said we'd get. We got our numbers," said Larry Burns of New World Karate (NWK). "We had about 450 competitors and 1,500 spectators. Next year it will be even better. Every year it's going to get bigger."

NWK expanded the Battle at the 45th Parallel to two days this year and Burns said he expects the tournament to be three days long in 2007. "Next year we're going to have to expand it again. We're thinking about running it Friday, Saturday, and Sunday," he said.

On Friday night, the tournament included competition in weapons, breaking, continuous sparring, self-defense, and team sparring. "The continuous fighting went without a hitch," Burns said. "No one got hurt."

Saturday's events included traditional forms, open forms, and point sparring during the day and the championship rounds for breaking, self-defense, weapons, and sparring during the Night Time Finals —



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a new addition to the Battle at the 45th Parallel.

"We sold out for the Night Time Finals," Burns said.

NWK's tournament "is being considered for a national bid. With that, people would have

to come through us to get a national ranking," Burns said.

Competitions held on Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon were conducted inside the GHS gymnasium. The Night Time Finals were

held in the auditorium.

"The Crawford AuSable School District is really helping us with this," Burns said. "Without the support of the

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See "TWO-DAY..."

Softball team splits home series vs. Elk Rapids

■ **Vikings fall to Blazers 2-1 in extra innings in game two at Kalkaska Friday**

The Grayling High School varsity softball team split a doubleheader vs. the Elk Rapids Elks last Tuesday at GHS, with ER winning game one 9-4 and the Vikings taking game two 8-4.

"Elk Rapids came out swinging in game one and along with a couple errors we found ourselves in a four-run hole to start the

game. With the exception of three hits, we didn't really force their defense to make plays," Coach Keri Brock said.

In game one of the series, Megan Etzler was 1 for 3 with a triple; Jessica Henderson was 1 for 2 with 1 walk, 1 stolen base, and 1 run scored; Alyssa Lewis was 1 for 3 with 1 steal; and Katie Baynham walked three times, with 1 steal and 1 run scored.

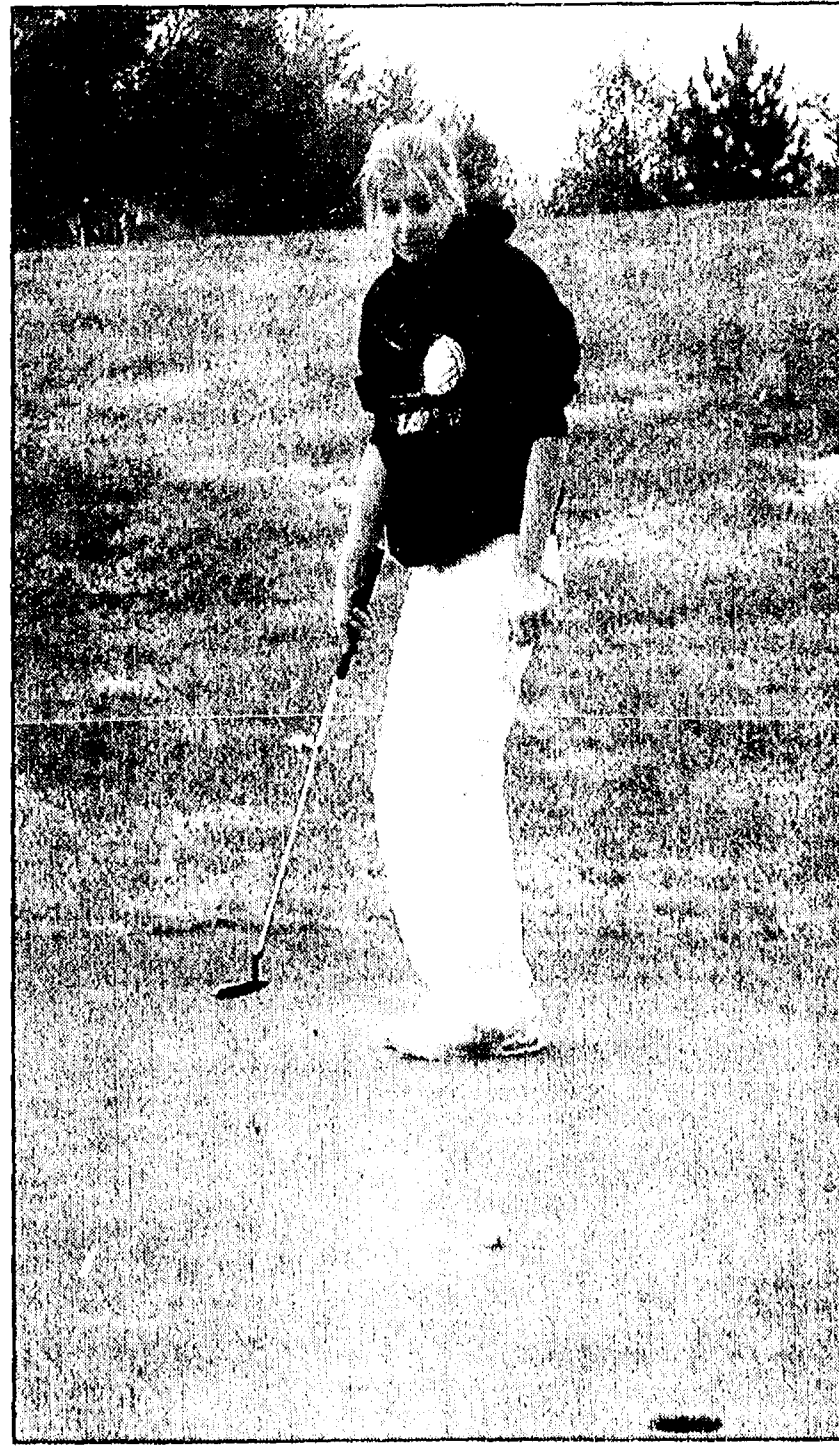
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See "SOFTBALL..."



Chelsea Wolcott pitches for Grayling during last Tuesday's series vs. Elk Rapids.

Vikings host girls golf tournament on Thursday



Jessie Morley (left) putts for Grayling during last Thursday's varsity girls golf meet vs. Roscommon and Big Rapids. Abby Wheeler (center) watches a putt on Thursday. Kristi Calkins (right) chips from just outside of the green.

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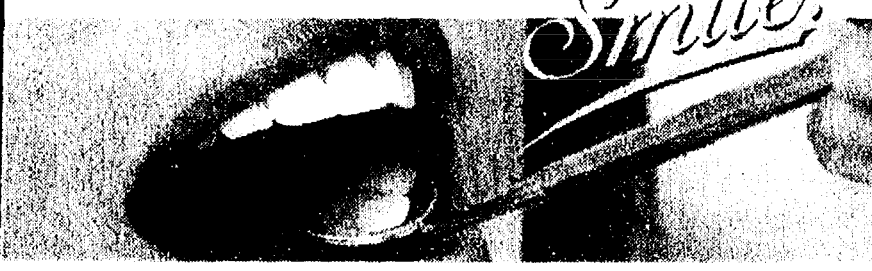
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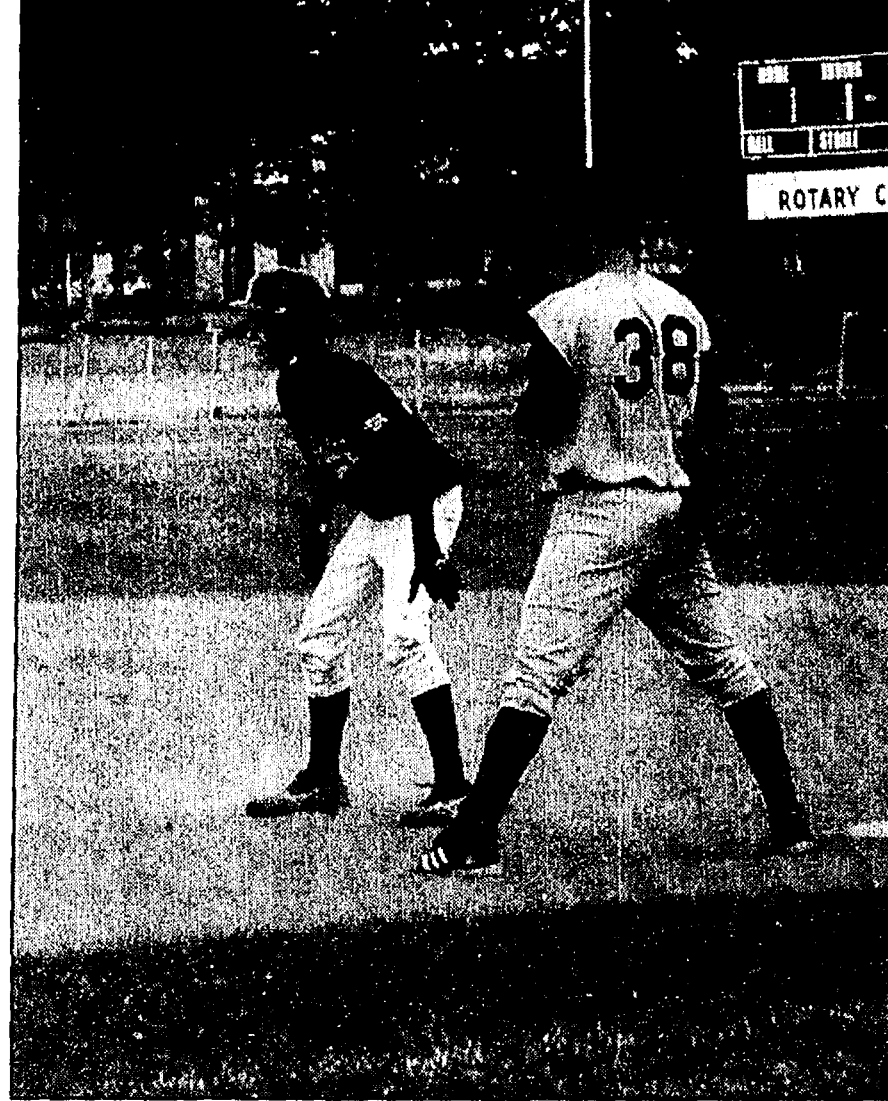
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Geo Bindshatel pitches for Grayling during last week's series vs. the Kalkaska Blazers.



Rocky McNamara leads off at first base on Friday night.

JV team's comeback attempt falls two runs short vs. Blazers

In a high-scoring game against the Kalkaska Blazers last Friday at GHS, Grayling High School's junior varsity baseball team lost 15-13 after making up 12 runs during a strong late-inning comeback attempt.

The second game of the series was called early due to darkness with the Blazers leading 7-6.

"Grayling was behind 13-1 going into the bottom of the fourth (inning) in game one. The team showed a positive attitude by com-

ing back and making it a close game," Coach Jeff Koehler said. "Game two was called because of darkness, but Grayling was playing well at the time."

"Josh Stapleton and Trent Larm hit the ball well in both games. Dylan Nye came in to pitch well in game one in relief and added two hits in the Viking comeback effort," Coach Koehler said.

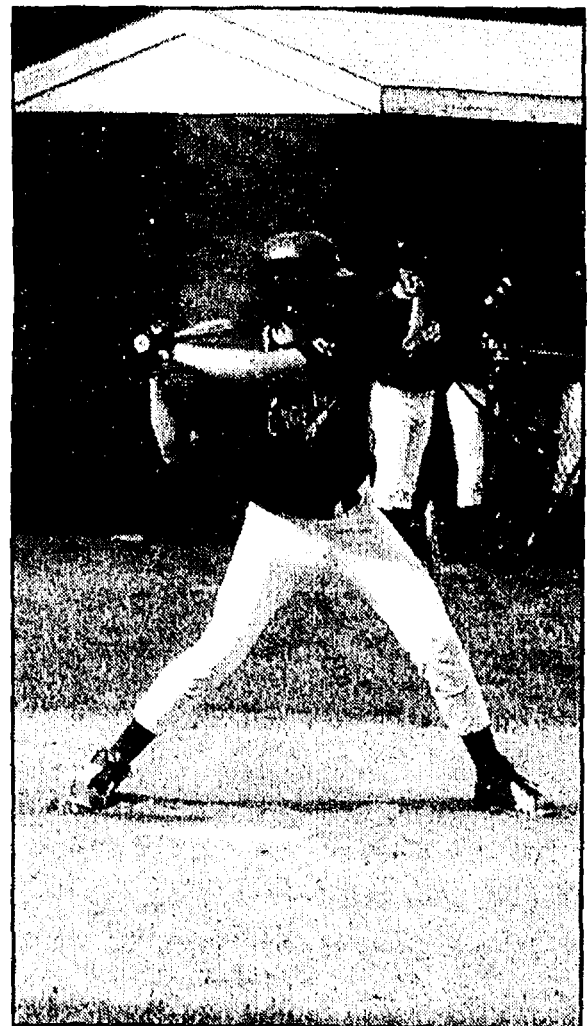
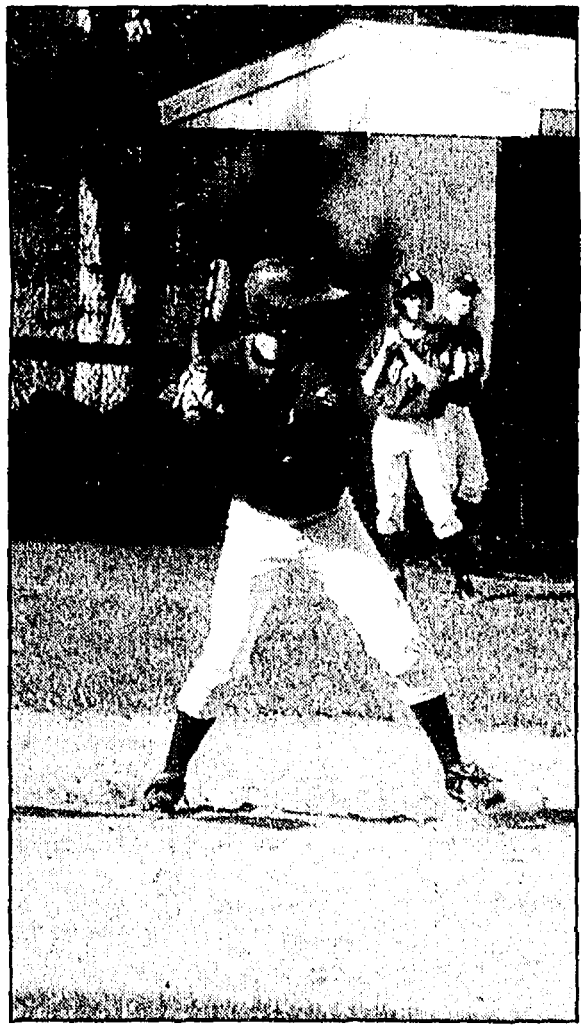
"The team is playing better. (We) need to cut down the number of walks we are giving up per game," Coach Koehler said.

On Tuesday, the Vikings played at Elk Rapids. The Elks won both games of the series, 15-0 and 11-7.

"Shane Grove started game two and pitched well. Grayling had a 4-1 lead going into the fourth inning," Coach Koehler said. "The team did not hit the ball well on this trip to Elk Rapids."

The JV squad will play at Standish Sterling on Thursday, April 27.

The Vikings will host East Jordan on Tuesday, May 2.



(Left to right) Andrew Hulbert, Ethan Neuberger, and Trent Larm bat for the JV Vikings vs. Kalkaska on Friday evening.

Basketball program to hold golf scramble event

On Saturday, May 13, the GHS basketball program will host a golf scramble fundraiser at Fox Run Country Club, starting at 10 a.m. Registrations for four-person teams are now being collected.

The cost to participate will be \$220 per four-person team. Cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, and prizes.

To sign up for the event, complete the attached registration form and send it, with payment,

to: Rich Moffit, Grayling High School, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI, 49738. Completed forms can also be dropped off to Dianne Tobin at the GHS office. Registration deadline is Monday, May 8.

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GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY 2006 MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE 18 YEARS & UP

Registration: Teams must be registered by Monday, May 8th. Team captains meeting will be held on Thursday May 11th at Hanson Hills, starting 7 pm. Fee \$350 per team plus umpire fee of \$165 per team, by May 8, 2006. Teams must pay on or before the coaches' meeting or they will not be entered into the league.

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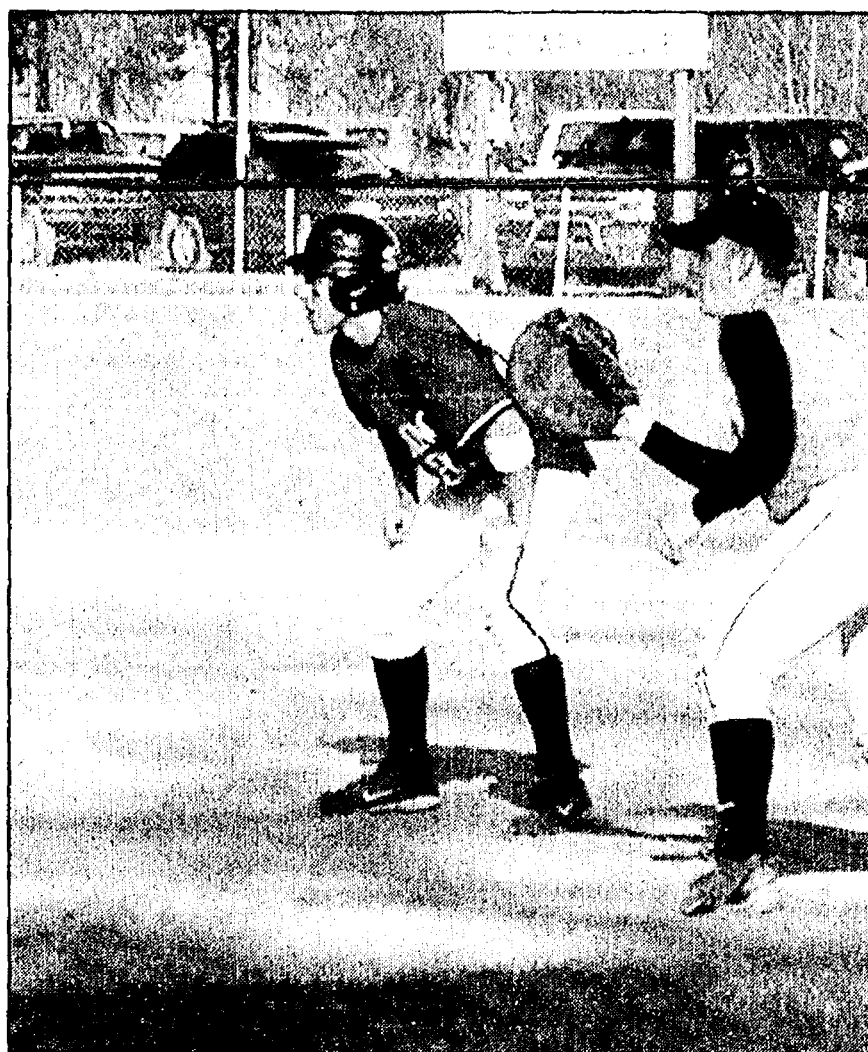
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Richie Schreiber pitches for the Vikings on Tuesday night vs. Elk Rapids.

Eli VanNuck leads off at first base during Tuesday's series against the Elks.

Baseball team ends series vs. Elks with loss, tie

Vikings open 2006 season with losses at Roscommon and Cheboygan

The GHS varsity baseball team posted one loss and one tie in a doubleheader vs. Elk Rapids last Tuesday at Grayling High School.

The Elks won the first game of the series 14-0. Derek Fitzler and Josh Mastej had Grayling's only hits of the game.

"Our pitchers - J.C. Schneider and Richie Schreiber - pitched great. They only gave up nine hits but we had 10 errors. We're never going to win a game when we have 10 errors," Coach John Schneider said.

The second game of the doubleheader ended in a 6-6 tie. VanNuck pitched for Grayling and finished with eight strikeouts.

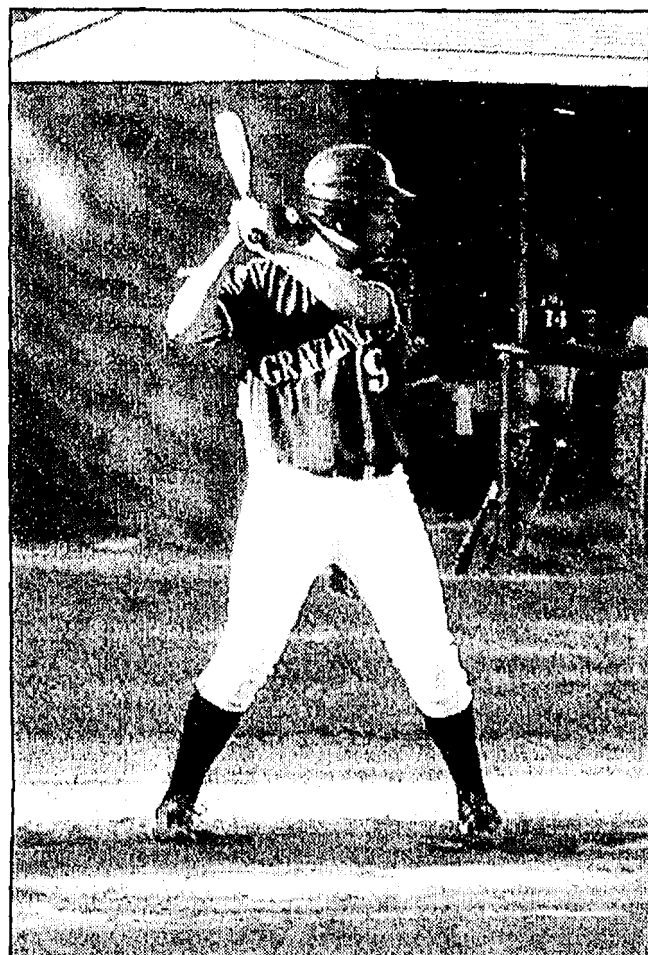
"Our defense was much better. It was a game we should've won but a couple of miscues caused the game to get tied," Coach Schneider said. "Eli pitched very well and we finally started to hit the ball."

Leading hitters for GHS in game two were: Ronnie Johnston, 2 hits, 2 runs scored; Mastej, 2 hits, 1 run; Jordan Herrick, 1 hit, 2 RBI; Mike Boylan, 2 hits.

On Wednesday, April 12, the Vikings lost two games to the Chiefs at Cheboygan (17-4, 10-0).

Johnston, Herrick, M. Boylan, Mastej, and Jim Boylan all had hits for GHS during the doubleheader.

"We again made too many mistakes and errors. Cheboygan had a good team, but we should have been more competitive," Coach Schneider said. "Bright



(Left) Jordan Herrick bats for Grayling on Tuesday night vs. the Elks. (Right) Second baseman Ronnie Johnston throws to first base on Tuesday.

spots were Mike Boylan pitching three scoreless innings and J.C. Schneider coming in and throwing strikes in relief in the second game."

On Tuesday, April 11, the Vikings opened their 2006 season with a series at Roscommon. The Bucks won the doubleheader 12-4, 14-1.

"It was only our second time on a field. We made many mistakes and miscues. One pitcher

had a rough day, giving up way too many walks. Roscommon is a great team - they made it to the quarterfinals last year and has everyone back this year," Coach Schneider said.

Leading hitters for Grayling vs. Roscommon were: Johnston, 3 for 4, 3 runs scored; Etzler, 2 hits; J. Boylan, 2 hits.

"Tuesday (April 18) was the first time we had the entire team together, with kids back late

from spring break and a couple disciplinary actions. We're trying to learn a lot of stuff in a short time. I think the kids are thinking too much instead of just going out there and playing. We're a good team. I wouldn't want to play us later in the season," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings will host Standish Sterling on Thursday, April 27. On Tuesday, May 2, Grayling plays at East Jordan.

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Viking of the Week

Varsity Baseball
Coach: John Schneider

RONNIE JOHNSTON

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(Left to right) Andrea Southard, Jessica Henderson, and Monica Peters bat for the Vikings on Tuesday night vs. the Elk Rapids Elks.

Softball team splits home series vs. Elk Rapids

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Chelsea Wolcott pitched for Grayling. She allowed six hits, struck out four, and finished with no walks.

Grayling won game two of the series by a final score of 8-4.

Wolcott pitched for GHS and picked up the win. She allowed four hits, no walks, and struck out two batters.

Leading hitters for GHS in game two were: Baynham, 1 for 2, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored, 1 walk, 2 stolen bases; Wolcott, 1 for 3, 1 stolen base, 1 run scored; Henderson, 1 for 3 (triple), 1

RBI, 1 run scored; Monica Peters, 2 for 3, 1 run scored; Trisha Petersen, 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base, 1 run scored; Andrea Southard, 1 for 2, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base, 1 walk; Lewis, 1 for 2, 1 run scored.

"Chelsea Wolcott pitched outstanding in game two, limiting the Elks batters to only four hits and no walks. As a pitcher it's a great feeling to know that your defense is there to back you up and that's exactly what they did," Coach Brock said. "This was a huge win for us. The girls realize that in order for us to be competitive we have to make improvements on a daily basis and it has to be a group effort."

"Katie Baynham got the job done as a leadoff batter, reaching base five times, stealing three bases, scoring three runs, and knocking in two runs in the doubleheader," Coach Brock said.

On Friday, the Vikings lost game one of a series at Kalkaska 7-0. The Blazers won game two of the doubleheader 2-1 in extra innings.

Leading hitters for GHS in game one were: Henderson, 2 for 3 (single, double), with 1 stolen base; and Peters, 1 for 1 (single, walk).

Offensive leaders for the Vikings in game two included: Baynham, 1 for 4, 1 stolen base; Wolcott, 1 for 3; Peters, 1 for 3; Petersen, 1 for 3, 1 run scored; Southard, 1 for 3 (double); Etzler, 1 for 3; Calkins, 1 for 2, 1 RBI, sac bunt.

Baynham pitched for the Vikings. She allowed seven hits and three walks in seven innings and had five strikeouts.

"We came out tight in game one and gave up four runs in the first. Give Kalkaska credit. They



Katie Baynham scores a run for the Vikings vs. Elk Rapids on Tuesday.

had our number and hit the ball hard. We picked things up in the second half of the game defensively but managed only three hits," Coach Brock said. "Kalkaska rolled through our league undefeated last year. Instead of being intimidated, the girls came out in game two and played their best ball of the year. After the first inning Katie really found her groove on the mound and had the Kalkaska hitters on their heels."

"For many girls this was the first extra inning game they have been a part of. I was very impressed with their poise in such a pressure situation, especially for the fact that we had two freshmen on the bases and two sophomores up to bat. Unfortunately, they were at the top of their order and their senior hitters were able to get the bunt down and the hit to win it,"

Coach Brock said. "We knew this week would be a test for us playing the first and second place teams in our league, from a year ago. Both Elk Rapids and Kalkaska are very experienced teams so mistakes had to be limited and our seniors had to take control," Coach Brock said. "We did a lot of growing up this week as a team. Our record may not show it, but we are making great strides from game to game. I have a great group of kids that are willing to work hard and make sacrifices for the good of the team. They understand that what we accomplish this season is a direct reflection of the effort put in. I'm looking forward to surprising some people as we continue league play."

The Vikings host Standish Sterling on Thursday, April 27, at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, May 2, Grayling plays at East Jordan.



Alyssa Lewis runs from second base to third on Tuesday night.

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Viking of the Week



Varsity Softball
Coach: Keri Brock
CHELSEA WOLCOTT

Chelsea picked up her first pitching win of the year with an 8-4 victory over Elk Rapids on Tuesday, striking out six and not allowing any walks in the doubleheader.

Soccer team hosts Charlevoix Rayders



Lahken Maher (above, left) and Brianna Farrell (above, right) control the ball for the GHS varsity girls soccer team during the squad's home game against Charlevoix last Thursday. The Rayders won the contest 10-0. Jessica Bindschatel (below, left) handles an airborne ball for Grayling on Thursday. Goalkeeper Evie Clark (below, right) prepares to punt the ball after making a save.



Track girls compete in league meet

Grayling High School's varsity girls track and field team placed third at a four-team league meet at Traverse City St. Francis last Monday.

Final team scores were: TCSF 91, East Jordan 71, Grayling 34, Kalkaska 29.

Rachel Ward took 1st in the high jump event and Hailey McMahon placed 2nd in two events. Justine Tozer placed 3rd

in two events.

"This is a very young team with potential. Freshman Hailey McMahon had an outstanding performance, Rachel Ward's 1st in high jump, and 400-meter relay contributed to the win," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

On Monday, May 1, the track team will host Houghton Lake and Traverse City Christian at 4 p.m.

Two-day martial arts tournament held at GHS

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Crawford AuSable School

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-6-13-20-27

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 05 6886 CK
DUANE C. LAMOTTE and BRENDA L. LAMOTTE, husband and wife,
PLAINTIFFS
VS
STEVEN ALLEN DEFEYTER,
a single person,
DEFENDANT
David R. Sabin P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-5588

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Foreclosure Judgment filed March 6, 2006, directing the sale of the following-described property or so much as may be necessary to raise the amount determined to be due to Plaintiffs, a sale shall be made to the highest bidder at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The sale shall be made after the Crawford County Clerk has five public notice of the time and place for said sale as required by Michigan statute and according to the course and practice of this Court. The sale of said property shall be made by or under the direction of the Crawford County Sheriff on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.** Parcel 27-N: The Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, SUBJECT TO a 33 foot easement along the South 33 feet for road and utility purposes as recorded in Liber 182, Pages 591-593, Crawford County Records, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.
Dana M. Anderson, Deputy
Clerk of the Court

-6-13-20-27-4-11

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE

To All Qualified Electors Of Crawford County:

The Annual School Election Will Be Held Tuesday, May 2, 2006 For The Purpose of Electing two Candidates to the Crawford AuSable School Board and renewing a school millage.

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open At 7:00 A.M. And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

Two people will be elected to the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education for four (4) year terms ending in 2010. Any write-in candidate must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2006.

Voting Precinct Locations:

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election:

- 1 Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738
- 2 Frederic, & Maple Forest – Frederic Twp. Community Center, 7565 W. County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733
- 3 Lovells Twp. Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
- 4, 5 & 6 Grayling Twp. Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
- 7 Beaver Creek Twp. Community Center, 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling, MI 49738
- 8 Bear Lake Twp. Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646
Otsego Lake Twp Voters will vote in Otsego Lake Twp as they have a County Wide Millage issue.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL ELECTION
COORDINATOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the May 2, 2006 Kalkaska School Board Election and Crawford AuSable School Board and Bonding Proposal Election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the Bear Lake Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. Kalkaska, MI. 49646.

THE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST is conducted to determined that the Program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, Counts the votes in the manner Prescribed by the law.

Carol Rosenberg
Bear Lake Township Clerk
231-258-4359

PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, May 2, 2006 School Election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at each of the following voting precinct locations in Crawford County, Grayling, MI:

Township	School Precinct #	Clerk
Grayling City Hall 1020 City Blvd. P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738	1	Michelle Moshier 348-2131
Frederic & Maple Forest Twp. 7565 W. County Rd. 612 Frederic, MI 49733	2	Nancy Bindschatel 348-8778
Lovells Twp. 8405 Twin Bridge Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	3	Cheryl Hopp 348-9215
Grayling Twp. 2090 Viking Way P.O. Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738	4 - 5 & 6	Monica Ashton 348-4361
Beaver Creek Twp. 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	7	Sharon Hartman 275-8878

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
April 20, 2006

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WAYNE C. METZGER and KELLY A. METZGER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2002, and recorded on November 7, 2002, in Liber 606, on Page 156, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$73,532.43), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 24, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: LOT 13, PINE GROVE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 01 OF PLATS, PAGE 58, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS, TAX ID NO. 20-040-45-660-00-013-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with

1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2006
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
Client I.D. GMAC.0910

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Deborah A. Mahaney unmarried of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to The Huntington National Bank dated the 11th day of October, A.D. 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of October, A.D. 2004, in Liber 671 of Crawford County Records, on page 999, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$53,776.86 (fifty three thousand, seven hundred seventy six dollars and eighty six cents) plus accrued interest at 7.50% (seven point five zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and

provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 3rd day of May, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Lot 13, Pinecrest Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 1, Crawford County Records
Commonly known as: 4600 Orbit Dr.

Tax ID: 040-45-640-00-013-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 30, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#05095903

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brenda Manchester, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2005, and recorded on September 1, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 228, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six And 48/100 Dollars (\$60,576.48), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

And also, commencing at the

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Per P.A. 188 of 1954, there will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, May 8, 2006, during our regular monthly meeting, at Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI, at 7:30 p.m., to receive written comments and objections regarding creating a special assessment district for paving (between W. Four Mile Road and W. Five Mile Road) on King Road, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County. Estimates are on file with in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Frederic Township Citizens

In accordance with MCL 141.412, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held within the regular monthly meeting of the Frederic Township Board of Trustees to discuss the proposed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This meeting will occur on May 8, 2006 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held, and copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection, at the Township Hall located at 7564 County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PAINTING CONTRACTOR

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from licensed contractors to provide exterior metal painting services at the M-TEC/University Center, 60 Livingston Blvd. in Gaylord.

A mandatory open house will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be open and publicly read. Bid documents may be obtained in the facilities management office at 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 33 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line, thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 71 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 27, 2006
For more information, please call:
PC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #082782F02

-23-30-6-13

Notice Of Mortgage

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan I. Marvel, and Roger Allen Mater, Jr., wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2004 and recorded March 11, 2004 in Liber 666, Page 810, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Four and 40/100 Dollars (\$64,204.40) including interest at 7.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 31, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southerly 6 Rods (99 feet) of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan and the Northerly 6 Rods (99 feet) of the Southwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 27, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.4627

-27-4-11-18-25

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 06-3356-NA
PETITION NO. 01
TO: STACEY WELLINGTON, MOTHER

IN THE MATTER OF: BRIENNA ELAINE ELLIS, DOB: 05/12/2003

A petition requesting the court to take jurisdiction of the minor(s) named above has been filed in this court. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on May 25, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Crawford County Family & Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI before Hon. John G. Hunter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that STACEY WELLINGTON, MOTHER personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in the child being made a permanent court ward and the termination of your parental rights.

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BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 7:30 pm during it's regular monthly Planning Commission meeting. The meeting will take place at the Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment regarding the proposed updating of the current Master Plan.

Copies of the proposed updated Master Plan can be viewed at the Beaver Creek Township Hall during regular office hours, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm everyday. Written correspondence can be sent to the above address. For further information, please contact Sharon K. Hartman, Secretary to the Planning Commission at 989-275-8878

Sharon K. Hartman
Secretary to the Planning Commission

CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION COUNTY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR: PLANNING COMMISSION COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. MEMBERS ACCUMULATE, TABULATE AND STUDY FACTUAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND NEEDS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

COMPENSATION COMMISSION APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE SALARY OF ALL ELECTED COUNTY WIDE OFFICIALS ON EVEN NUMBERED YEARS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY BOARD.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 AT 11:00 A.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
APRIL 13, 2006

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROPANE GAS CONTRACTOR

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from propane gas contractors to provide propane gas at the main campus and at units on College Drive (total of ten 500 gallon tanks, three 1,000 gallon tanks, and two 120 gallon tanks) for a period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be open and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the facilities management office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case # PU060002 Request to build a garage in front yard per section #20.06-B.

Petitioner: Mary Spreitzer
1800 High Rd.
Roscommon, MI. 48653

The above case refers to the following described property:
1800 High Rd.
Roscommon, MI. 48653

Township: South Branch
Legal Decs: LOTS 56 & 57, LYING N'LY OF THE MEANDER LINE OF SD LOTS, RIVER FOREST. ALSO, PART OF LOT 58, BEGINNING AT THE NE COR OF LOT 58, RIVER FOREST SUBDIVISION, TH S 12DEG 01MIN E ALG LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 57 & 58, 533.8 FT; TH N 61 DEG 46MIN E ALG THE ROW OF HIGH RD AS PLATTED, 93.2 FT TO THE POB.
Property Code: 064-720-000-056-01
Zoning District: LDR

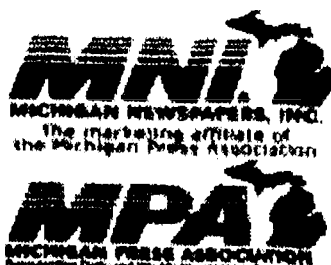
All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.
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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
April 28, 1983

Six grass fires were extinguished in Crawford County last week by the Grayling and Roscommon DNR Forest Fire fighting units and local fire departments. Duane Brooks, of the Grayling DNR field station, reported that the biggest fire was between Bear Mountain and Military Road where five and a half acres burned.

Two Grayling High School students, David Reynolds and Brenda Praise, each took first place in the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association competition held at Ferris State College.

Big brown and brook trout will be worth prizes this year in Crawford County if they are caught in a local stream and entered in the contest. The competition is held on opening weekend. The competition is sponsored by Skip's Sport Shop and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Showing at the Rialto Theatre is 48 Hours, starring Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy.

Crawford County officials are alarmed about a possible transfer of 75,000 acres of DNR land to the military that they claim will take away valuable recreation land along with \$146,134 a year in local tax dollars. A state military spokesman says the land,

located in small chunks throughout ranges 30 & 40 in northeast Crawford County and southeast Otsego County, is already used for range operations with DNR approval and is not public recreation land.

Northern Monument Sales is opening a store in Grayling across from Grayling State Bank. They offer a selection of 54 different colors along with bronze and marble monuments.

E.T. visited the first grade classes of Mrs. Ingvarsson and Mrs. Larson.

46 Years Ago
April 28, 1960

A twelve year old Grayling boy, Johnny Cook, won top spot in the junior golf tournament at Gulf Golf in Treasure Island, Fla.

Seven couples of the AuSable Swingers Club attended the 3rd annual Country Roundup in Harrison. Those couples from Grayling were: the Bob Bovee's, the Eli Beery's, the Ward Ellison's, the Dick Dubois, the Cliff Peterson's, the Basil Hubbel's and the Bruce Smith's.

Honest Al's advertised interior paint, \$2.50 per gallon and 21 inch power lawn mowers are \$39.95. Honest Al's is located 8 miles west of Grayling, on M-72.

The A&P advertised a mix or match cereal sale your choice of Kix, Cheerios, Wheaties, Jets or Trix are 4 for \$1.00. Maxwell House coffee, a 1 lb. can is 69¢

and fresh cleaned smelt are 23¢ per pound.

The dedication of the new Mt. Hope Lutheran church will be held on Sunday. The new church is a welcome addition to Grayling.

The theme for the May Festival is "Children of Many Lands" and you can meet children from our own hemisphere as well as those of Europe and the far East. The May Festival is put on by the elementary students at Grayling Public Schools.

An addition is being built on Day's Drive-In, located on US-27 south.

Lake Valley Dining Room is opening this week. Everyone is invited to the Fishermen's Rally at the Cocktail Bar Opening at midnight. Lake Valley Resort Club is located just off M-72 between Grayling and Kalkaska.

69 Years Ago
April 29, 1936

Louise LaVeck is the new waitress at the Lovely Restaurant.

One of the most enjoyable father-son banquets ever held here was the one sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Instead of the customary speech making, the program was taken up by community singing, led by Royal A. Wright.

Mrs. Lottie Collens has rented the dining room of the Fischer Hotel to William Neal who expects to take it over permanently.

All of the clubs and cabins along the river and many homes in town entertained guests on the opening of the trout season. It

was said that Saturday morning there was a fisherman for every foot of the AuSable in many places.

One of the Carl Sorenson cabins on US-27 across from the golf course, is complete and another one will be constructed shortly.

Mrs. Howard Smith is absent from her duties at the Hanson Cafe due to an injured finger.

92 Years Ago
April 30, 1914

P.J. Moshier and son have just received another carload of young cattle from Chicago, making them 106 head in all.

The residence occupied by Robert Baker, known as the A.E. Neuman house, burned to the ground.

Peter McNeven is the possessor of a fine new Flanders car.

Waldemar Jensen and his crew of workmen have just finished decorating the interior of Mercy Hospital.

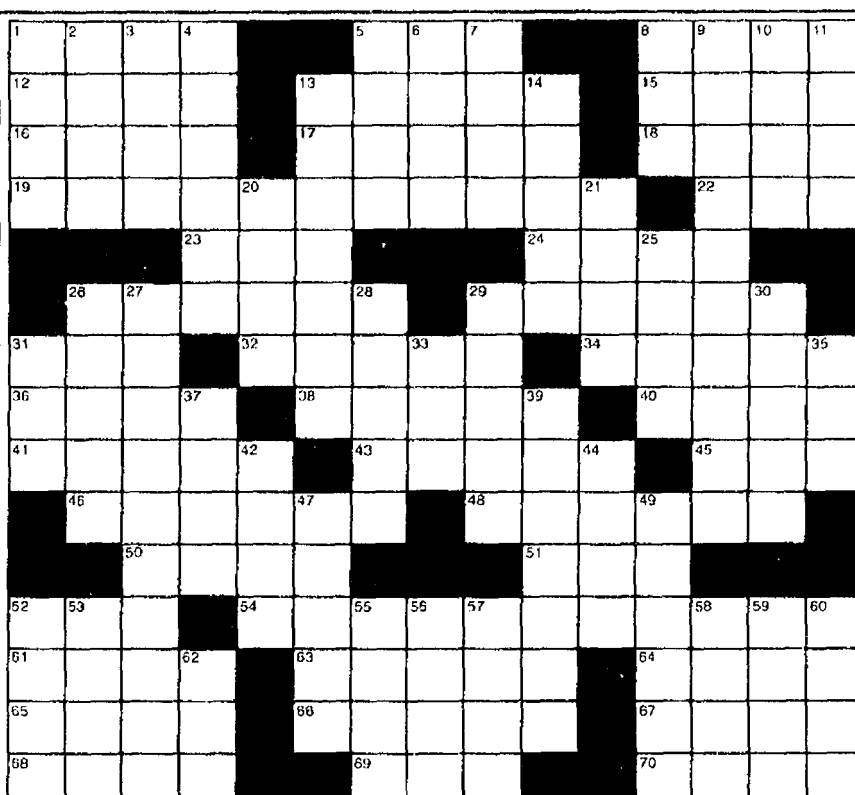
Trout season opens and the limit catch this year is 35 in one day and no more than 50 trout in possession at one time.

Edmund Shanahan is the new delivery man at Simpson's Grocery. George McPeak has resigned from that position.

Walmer Jorgenson has just been awarded contracts for constructing a parapet, power house, cement reservoir and mess house at the state military reservation.

Mrs. J.J. Collen is having her cottage at Portage Lake repaired and is having the land cleared and plowed for planting.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Canal bank opposite towing path.
 - Northern arm of the Rhine River.
 - Six thread formed of two or more threads twisted together.
 - Acronym for Australian Pipeline Industry Association.
 - Give false representation.
 - Stratagem practiced for deception.
 - Catherine, Lt. Col. Mackenzie on jag.
 - Device to hold photographic paper flat during exposure.
 - Term sometimes applied to a canopy over an altar.
 - Disease caused by a flavivirus transmitted by a mosquito.
 - Portion of a stock issue that investment bankers return to the underwriter so it can be sold to institutional investors.
 - Barsi, Alberta's Female Recording Artist in 1999.
 - Fossil fuel consisting of carbonized vegetable matter deposited in the carboniferous period.
 - Garment size for short women.
 - Sirrup-shaped ossicle that transmits sound from the eardrum to the cochlea.
 - Shape with one to five corners and one open side.
 - Base on eight.
 - Release from military service.
 - Violent public disturbance.
 - Having the qualities of man.
 - Lacking risk.
 - Area of land in Medieval Europe under the control of a lord.
 - Large, soft, flat bag filled with feathers used as a bed.
 - Clean land of obstructions.
 - Unhappy and unwilling to speak, smile or be pleasant to people.
 - Cooper nickel alloy with high and low temperature coefficient.
 - Characteristic sound of a cat.
 - Furnish with apparatus.
 - Religious belief of African origin involving witchcraft and sorcery.
 - Group of densely populated metropolitan areas that combine to form an urban complex.
 - Leading resort on the French Riviera.
 - Book of blank pages with pockets for organizing photographs.
 - Hawaii honeycreeper.
 - Type of bivalve mollusk found in shallow areas of ocean salt water and in numerous areas of fresh water.
 - Pair of single-headed, tuned drums used in north Indian classical music.
 - Bound off one point after another.
 - Acronym for Electronic Emitter Location System.
 - Dried legume such as lentils, beans or peas.
 - State of disorderliness.

- Down
- Invention which one proudly considers as their own.
 - French for "sword".
 - Small rivulet.
 - Wooden hammer used to apply force to chisels in wood carving.
 - Metal beaten into extremely thin sheets.
 - Other than what is under consideration.
 - City invaded by the Mongols in 1240.
 - Middle English variant of "two".
 - One of the wavy lines produced on sand by waves wind or the like.
 - In addition.
 - Came together with someone by chance or arrangement.
 - Charm.
 - Conversion of a conditional order into a market order.
 - Polypium.
 - Long, smooth, narrow course made for passage of vehicles and people.
 - 1968 film starring Charlton Heston.
 - King of Troy.
 - Using the minimum of resources necessary for effectiveness.
 - Short composition for a solo instrument intended as an exercise.
 1. name of Boba Fett's starship.
 - Gubaidulina two-time Koussevitzky International Recording Award winner.
 - Forelimb of any vertebrate.
 - Unit of mass.
 - Bottom of a watercourse.
 - Past tense of "tear".
 - Tumor growing from a nerve or made up largely of nerve cells and nerve fibers.
 - Space for movement.
 - Any journey more than 1,000 miles from a person's home.
 - Moisture forming on the surface of any of various substances.
 - Theory that the pursuit of your own welfare is the basis of morality.
 - In one case.
 - Bitterness of feeling.
 - Very willing.
 - Bishop of Syrac and Coptic churches.
 - Period of no wind.
 - Similar.
 - Certainly.
 - Acronym for Side Impact Protection System.
 - Acronym for Emergency Medical Service.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Pierogy Primavera

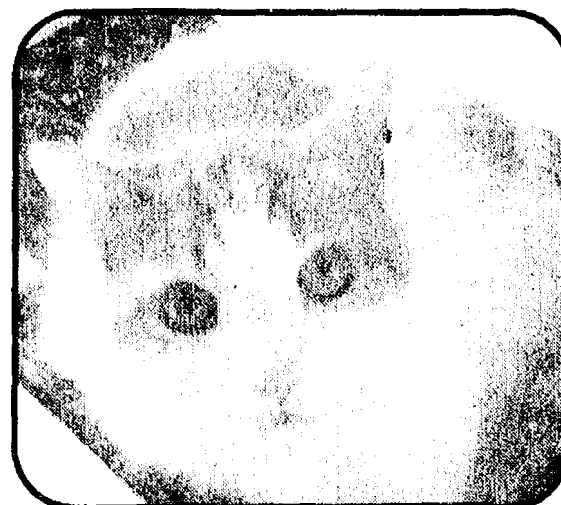
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| 1 (16.9 oz.) box potato & cheddar pierogies | 1 large red onion, cut into 1-inch wedges |
| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil | 1 cup frozen peas, thawed slightly |
| 1 bunch asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 2 large carrots, peeled and sliced | |

Sauté pierogies in 12-inch skillet as box directs. Remove from skillet. In same skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add asparagus, carrots and red onion. Cook about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp, stirring occasionally. Stir in peas; cook 2 minutes longer. Stir in pierogies; add salt and pepper to taste.

Makes 4 servings.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Charms

aka Prince Charming, is a handsome white/orange shorthair. He is neutered, declawed on all fours, feline leukemia tested negative and fully vaccinated.

Rocky

is a small, friendly Malamute mix, about a year old. He gets along well with other dogs, loves people, is neutered and up to date on his shots.



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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip.
4/19	70	27	0
4/20	75	29	0
4/21	71	36	0
4/22	74	40	0
4/23	74	40	0.33
4/24	48	43	0
4/25	70	29	0.08

Extended Forecast

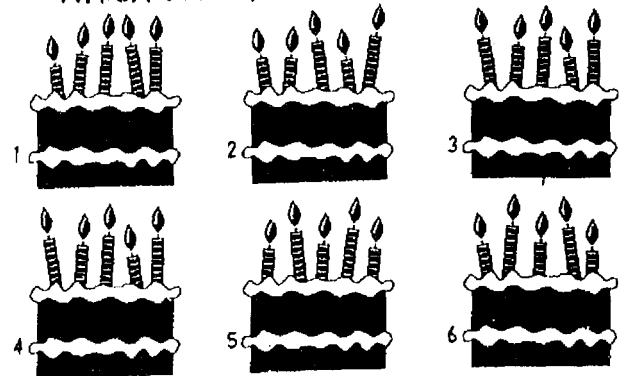
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 55	High 63	High 63	High 61	High 67	High 66
Low 29	Low 34	Low 39	Low 39	Low 43	Low 42
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Showers	Showers	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy

Just Kidding..

FIND THE TWINS

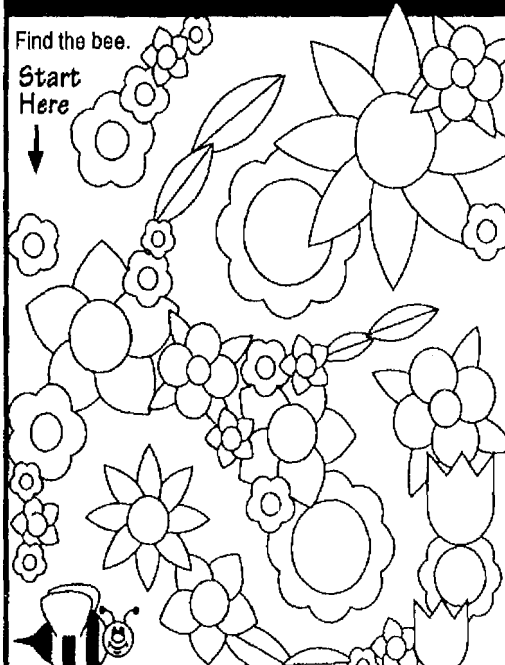
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 27, 2006



CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19

Don't take the rap for something that isn't your fault. Stand up for yourself. Capricorn, and be assertive. Your exercise routine is calling for change. Are you listening?



ARIES
March 21-April 19

Tough love is in order for a young friend who insists on your help but on their terms and in their way. Turn down their request and let them learn to fend for their own.



CANCER
June 22-July 22

Feel like you're on the merry-go-round this week, Cancer? Don't despair. Life will calm down and you'll soon hit a smooth patch. A weekend excursion brings lots of laughs.



LIBRA
September 23-October 22

Inspiration comes from an unlikely source and you breeze through a project with ease. A fall-out at home puts everyone on edge—break up the tension with some fun.



AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

Health takes precedence this week, Aquarius, and you see the need to make some lifestyle changes. Start off small and give yourself time to adjust.



TAURUS
April 20-May 20

Don't try to understand what you cannot, Taurus. Some things are just beyond our realm of understanding. A long chat with an old buddy puts you back in the loop.



LEO
July 23-August 22

Money is tight this week, Leo, but you don't see that as a problem. You're satisfied with what you have. Pass the word and let others in on your secret.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Generosity of a different kind paves the way for rest and relaxation. Enjoy life's little pleasures. Scorpio. Touches of romance heat up a cold day and make for an exciting evening.



PISCES
February 19-March 20

A tag of war occurs at home and you're caught in the middle. Free yourself with diplomacy. Your supervisor makes an odd request—go ahead and humor them.



GEMINI
May 21-June 21

Wish the odds were in your favor, Gemini? Relax. The tide is turning and everything you touch will be golden. An uninvited guest adds an air of mystique to a weekend bash.



VRGO
August 23-September 22

Persistence is needed to lift the spirits of an old friend. They are facing grave obstacles and require lots of support. A memo provides a puzzling dilemma—investigate it with care.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

Don't back yourself into a corner. Be brave, Sagittarius, and set limits on what you can do. You can always use more room to wiggle, can't you?

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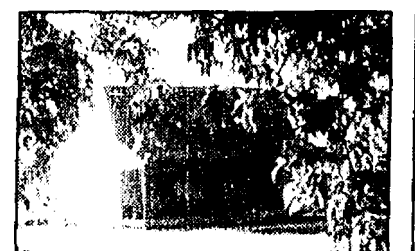
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1. Real Estate

RENT TO OWN! If you pay rent, you can own! Stop paying off your landlord's mortgage! You can Rent-To-Own your own home even with poor credit! Call Steven at 866-860-7994. 24 hour recorded message.



Adjacent to thousands of acres of State land, this 1,458 sq. ft. Salt Box home with full finished basement, has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large covered porch, 30x24 garage plus old fashioned barn situated on 2.84 acres. #5581 \$108,900



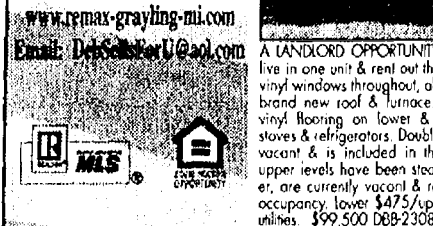
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1. Real Estate

CHEAPER THAN RENT Zero down, Guthrie Lakes, Waters. Neat and clean, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, tons of cupboards and countertops. 1670 sq. ft., wooded lot, deeded lake access, club house amenities, area cleared for garage. \$97,000. Northern Holdings, 231-439-9215. e-mail: morningspreserve@yahoo.com (-27-4/1)



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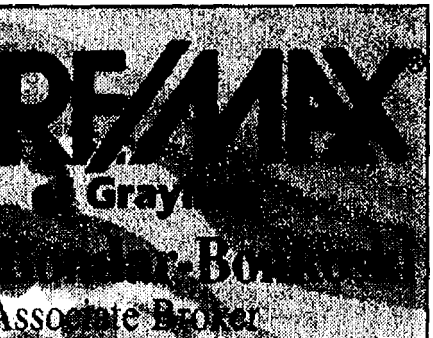


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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE 2.3 acres on East Branch with 230' frontage, 2 miles to city limits. \$52,000. 989-619-9031. (LR5/4/06/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE in Frederic, 5256 Old 27 North. 3 bedroom on 1.6 acres. Currently replacing roof and siding. Completed, \$90,000. Land contract available with money down. Call 989-348-4252 days or 989-348-5256 evenings. (-27-4/1)



A LANDLORD OPPORTUNITY AS A DUREX, or live in one unit & rent out the second unit. New vinyl windows throughout, all new vinyl siding, brand new roof & furnace. New carpeting & vinyl flooring on lower & upper levels, new washer & refrigerator. Double lot for extra lot & is included in this listing. Lower & upper levels have been steadily rented, however, are currently vacant & ready for immediate occupancy. Lower \$475/upper \$525 w/pool. Utilities \$99.500 DB92308

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1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE Moving north and looking for some peace and quiet? You found it. Over 175 feet of AuSable River frontage, and only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 sq. ft. wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 sq. ft. brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, located on the East Branch of the famed AuSable River, only 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, natural gas log fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, watered from an underground sprinkler system, looks like a well maintained golf course. Asking \$289,500 but will take less. Make me an offer. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (-27-4/1)

Architecturally Striking Custom Built Log Home in Grayling



2,500+ Square Feet
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths,
2 Car Garage & Pole Barn
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\$457,000
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1. Real Estate

HOME/ACREAGE Home constructed in September 2001, secluded, elevated, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch, possible 4th bedroom in poured full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with air tight, wood burning insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods, walk to AuSable River, abundant wildlife. 24 x 36 framed, trussed, pole barn, needs completion. Asking \$105,900. Must see, must sell, all closing costs paid by seller. Immediate occupancy. Open house 11 - 5, daily, 5689 County Road 612. West at May Lake, Frederic. 989-390-1846. (-27/1)

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FOR SALE BY OWNER



Beautiful home with 5 bedrooms and lots of room for everyone. Double city lot, all privacy fenced in. Lots of closet storage space. Dog pen included. Extra carport to stay. New Afton stone in driveway 2005. All new windows 2005. Water softener, new carpet in some rooms, new deck 2005 with canopy. Staked surveyed. Lots of recent updates. Short distance to schools, library and hospital. Garage disposal and pargo flooring in kitchen. Will work with realtors. Very motivated seller!
989-348-2774 \$89,000
www.FSBO.com #82779

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AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06/1)

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06/1)

FOR SALE: MOBILE HOME Detroit, 14 x 65', 3 bedroom, 1.5 baths, suitable for hunting cabin, rebuilt furnace. \$300/OBO. Call Jim at 989-348-6674. (-20-27/1)

SECLUDED 2 BEDROOM CHALET with spacious loft, 5 acres hardwoods, huge 2 story garage. Near AuSable main stream, 7 miles east of Grayling. Must sell, \$139,000. 989-390-4047. (LR5/11/06/1)

3 BEDROOM 2 bath, 1568 sq. ft., on M-72, 10 miles west of Grayling. ORV storage, lots of state land, lakes and trails. Fireplace, new carpet and laminate. Immediate occupancy, motivated seller. \$73,900. 231-258-3402. (LR5/18/06/1)

FOR SALE 2 bedroom trailer on approximately 3 acres with 2-car garage, 3 storage areas attached. Asking \$54,000. 989-348-8503. (-13-20-27/1)



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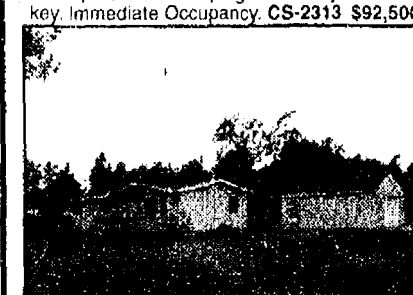


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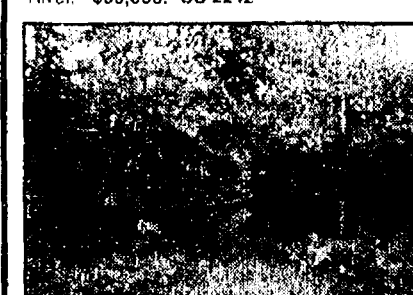
"So what can you tell me about this 'perfect' real estate agent?"



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
Charming home, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Newly remodeled with new roof, carpet, conglomolite, drywall, complete new bathroom with tub/shower combination. Large laundry room with folding counter, large living room, nice back yard with campfire pit, covered front porch, deck in back, copper window flower boxes, new landscaping in front yard. Turn key immediate occupancy. CS-2913 \$92,500



AFFORDABLE HOME IN NICE SUBDIVISION
This home offers 1,056 sq. ft. with 2-3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Features include a nice kitchen with oak cabinets, full basement that is dry walled with family room and additional room. Large deck with privacy fence. 3 lots total. Appliances include stove, refrigerator with ice and water maker. Nice subdivision with private access to the famous Manistee River. \$69,000. CS-2242



10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS. This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is backtop. CS-2217 \$32,000



DESIGNED WITH DISTINCTION. This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has many features. Kitchen offers lucky cabinets. 2 Lazy Susans and pantry. Top of the line appliances and Maytag washer and dryer to stay. Large laundry room with folding counter. Dining room offers wet bar and snack bar. Living room offers a gas fireplace and large family room. Large breezeway off garage with 1/2 bath. CS-2216 \$169,900

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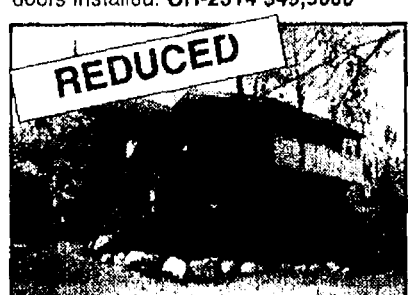
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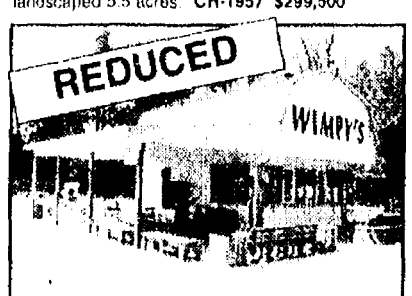
LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS!!
Completely renovated 1,250 s.f., 3 bedroom, and 1 bath home. Ceramic tile flooring, central A/C, raised six panel doors, drywall interior, whirlpool bath, and new 4 inch well. Adjoins State Land On West Side!! CH-2321 \$98,900



ADJOINS WHITE PINE PARK. Close access to state land and trail. New construction in shell status finish yourself and save. 1,152 s.f. 24 x 32 open loft, 16 x 24 second story, septic, shallow well with pitcher pump, 5 block crawl space. Interior partitions, windows, and doors installed. CH-2314 \$49,900



CEDAR MODIFIED SALT-BOX ON BANKS OF AUSABLE RIVER. Pristine forest land w/246' fring on swift/gravel bottom stream. Cathedral ceilings without rustic floor. Knotty pine interior walls & ceiling. Flagstone fireplace, hardwood floors, ceramic tile kitchen, oversized windows & 6-doorways opening onto riverside deck. Heated outdoor wood boiler heats Jacuzzi hot tub & in floor heating. 3-car detached garage w/ull upstairs, private balcony, wrap around deck all on naturally unique landscaped 5.5 acres. CH-1957 \$299,500



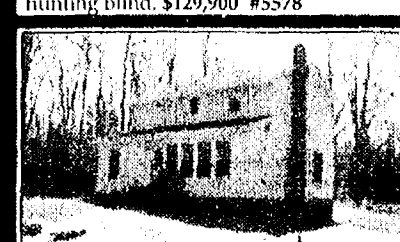
"WIMPY'S" ICE CREAM BUSINESS! Ideal hobby or family business. Renovated building and new modern equipment. Backtop drive and parking lot. Includes all fixtures, equipment, and inventory. Outdoor covered patio for dining with picnic table and benches. Take out available. Second floor storage with exterior stairs and 7' ceiling for cold storage. CH-2095 \$139,900



Perfect for the snowmobile enthusiast. Large detached storage building, 18 x 36 for all the toys. Charming three bedroom home with 1 1/2 baths and master suite with jacuzzi tub, large storage building 27x14. 24x24 attached garage. \$124,900 #5511

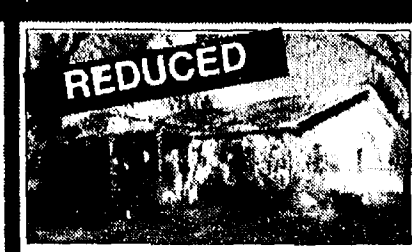


Three Bedroom, two bath home on 7.7 acres in Lovell's Township. Two car attached garage, plus 2 car detached heated garage with workshop. Well maintained home with fireplace, screened-in porch and storm cellar. Storage shed and hunting blind. \$129,900 #5578



Charming 3 bedroom home on a peaceful 5 acre setting. Home features knotty pine interior, wood floors, wood burning stove with river rock accent, 1.5 baths, formal dining, nook, enclosed porch and utility basement. A must see. #5641 \$120,000

Fantastic wooded building parcel in Deerfield Estates, just over an acre in size. Underground utilities, county maintained paved roads, just minutes to Higgins Lake, Lake Margrethe, Fox Run Golf Course, Ski hills and the City of Grayling. #5663 \$18,000



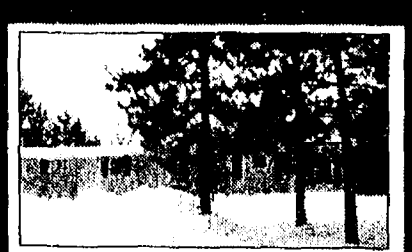
Heated in-ground pool, beautifully landscaped on over an acre of land, only 1/2 mile from town. 1840 square foot home, large kitchen, master suite with jacuzzi tub, large storage building 27x14. 24x24 attached garage. \$124,900 #5511



5,000 CASH to BUYER @ Closing from Seller! Houghton Lake Canal Front home beautifully landscaped with extensive decking, sprinkler system & deck at water's edge. Tastefully decorated 3 bedroom home with stunning floor to ceiling windows, fireplace, cathedral ceiling & french doors to deck. \$279,000 #5522



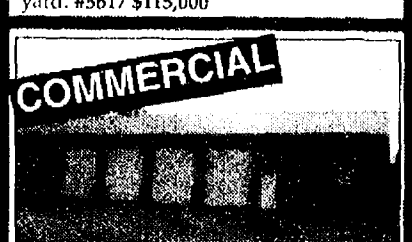
Dream Property: Home, RV Area, state land. Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 bath home and 3 car garage, RV area has 2 water & electric hook ups, 2 outhouses and fire-pit. 1000's of acres of state land right across the dead end driveway. #5540 \$129,900



A nice package! 1,706 sq. ft. home, beautiful master suite with private full bath, 2 additional bedrooms & 2nd full bath, large living room & family room featuring a fireplace, vaulted ceilings, formal dining, central air, landscaping, 28 x 32 garage on 2.5 acres with pond! \$109,900 #5640



Great location and well maintained home features 3 bedrooms, living room, family room with fireplace, and then in the full basement there is a den, game room/bar area and utility room. Attached 2 car garage and a large fenced yard. #5617 \$115,000



Building is only 3 miles from I-75 exit 259. 3600 s/f unit has 4 10 x 12 grade level doors and 1 dock level door with dock leveler and seal. Includes an ADA restroom and small (8x20) office. Efficient overhead gas radiant tube heat. \$6.00 per Sq Ft gross lease. Owner is a licensed real estate agent. #5618 \$6.00 SF

10-acres, square, adjoining State Land! Very secluded. Use this property to build your dream home on, go hunting or use for other outdoor activities! \$33,900 #5320

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in the city of Grayling. New windows, roof and hot water heater in 2003. Must see to appreciate. Located at 608 Ogemaw Street. Asking price \$59,800. For more details call (989) 348-7703, leave message. (-27/1)

2. For Rent

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03t/2)

1. Real Estate

* Buy that second home w/- O - down!

Been looking for the ideal cottage or second home in Northern Michigan but don't have a down payment? NO WORRIES. We can help you buy this great 3 bedroom home with water views, a full basement and plenty of storage for your toys with - O - Down! and at Great Rates! Great credit not required. *

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Property is listed by:
Randall Hartley of Century 21 River Country, R.E.
989-348-5474

2. For Rent

FOR RENT nice 2 bedroom home, gas heat, well insulated, located, East M-72, Grayling. Will lease. \$500, plus deposit. 989-348-5428. (3/23/06t/2)

4 SALE OR RENT mobile homes, \$2,000 and up, or \$450 and up. 348-5278. (3/16/06t/2)

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LAKE HOME FOR RENT Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large lot with 2-car garage and paved drive way. Kitchen appliances included. \$700 per month plus security. 586-228-2874. (LR5/25/06/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Rent a cozy cabin year round from \$275 - \$375 per month, including all utilities. 11010 N. Old US27, 4 miles north of Frederic. 30 wooded acres, walk to lake. \$200 security, no pets. 877-227-6976. (4/27/06t/2)

GRAYLING, NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the Arbor Court Apartments. Rent based on 30% of adjusted income. Barrier free unit available, equal housing opportunity. Families welcome. For more information, call Pam, 989-732-6237 (corrected phone number) or TDD# 1-800-649-3777. (-13-20-27/2)

4 LEASE mobile home lot, 2.5 acres, located off M-72 near Burton's Landing. 14 x 65' concrete slab with utility hook ups. \$450 per month, \$100 discount during winter months. 877-365-2006. (-20-27/2)

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home, located at 218 Crestwood Drive in Grayling Mobile Estates. Natural gas, cable, \$485 a month, plus security deposit. Call Ron at 989-344-2053. (4/20/06t/2)

EFFICIENCY ROOMS weekly or monthly. No pets, only responsible adults. 348-6649, ask for Dee. (LR5/11/06/2)

3. Employment**2. For Rent**

HOUSE FOR RENT 2 bedroom, updated kitchen, fresh paint, non-smokers preferred. Rent \$500, utilities negotiable. 810-235-4164 or 760-567-5536. (-20-27/2)

WEEKLY OR MONTHLY RENTALS Furnished rooms, no deposit, includes all utilities. Phone available. Western Trails Motel. 348-7681. (-20-27-4/2)

WAREHOUSE SPACE FOR RENT 6264 M-72 West. 1,920 sq. ft., heated, office space, and partial loft. \$400 per month/utilities. Contact McClain & Son Construction at 348-5847. (-27-4-11/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT 5256 Old 27 North, Frederic. 3 bedroom on 1.6 acres, \$700 per month, plus security deposit. 348-4252 day or 348-5256 evenings. (-27-4/2)

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT in town. 989-710-1194. (-27/2)

FOR RENT/SALE 2 bedroom mobile home with 2-car garage on 2 1/2 acres, 4 miles from town. Call 989-390-1807 for appointment. (4/27/06t/2)

BEDROOM FOR RENT Enjoy peace and quiet in this AuSable River home, surrounded by woods and wildlife, one mile from Grayling. \$350 a month. All utilities are free, including phone, electricity, cable TV and more. 348-2083. (-27-4/2)

VERY NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath home near Lake Margrethe. Non-smoking only, no pets. \$600 per month plus security, references. 348-8627. (-27/2)

THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

3. Employment**3. Employment**

GENERAL LABOR/PRODUCTION POSITIONS in the Grayling area. \$8/hr. All shifts. Must have proof of HS Diploma/GED, solid work history, good references, strong math and measuring skills. Call 989-705-2120. EOE (-27/3)

SUMMER HELP WANTED Evergreen Party Store. Cashier, stock help, Dairy Queen. 821-5425. (-27/3)

PHOTO JOURNALIST 2006 summer internship: June through August/September. Could lead to full-time 2007 position. Seeking competent individual with photographic or photo journalist experience. Intermediate or advanced amateur skill level is acceptable. Must be comfortable and capable with digital photography and computers. Reasonably creative and resourceful. This is a fun job for the right person. Requires 60% travel with 55-60 hours per week. Irregular hours. Must have own car. Photographic and computer equipment will be supplied by company. Mail resume to: Creative Paper Products, P.O. Box 133, Pentwater, MI 49449 or email resume to: pjm@creativepaperproducts.com. (-20-27/3)

NORTHERN MICHIGAN PRIVATE CLUB seeking lodge and property caretakers. Private residence included. Please send resume with qualifications and references to: P.O. Box 571, Grayling, MI 49738. (-27-4-11/3)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR Part-time work with exchange student organization. Recruit and interview host families, supervise students, build professional relationships with schools. Sales and/or community outreach experience preferred. Contact 1-888-552-9872. (-20-27-4/3)

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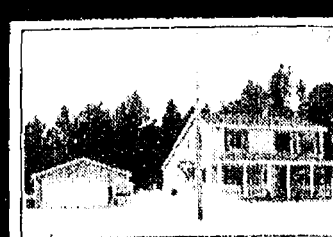
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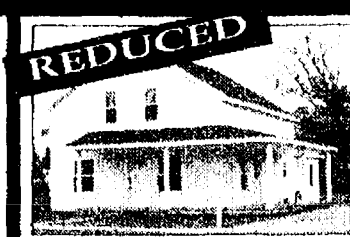
Great building in excellent shape and an excellent location. Offers over 15,000 sq. ft. Turnkey Caribbe Paddles. Complete with office space, shipping & receiving, manufacturing area. On ramp to North I-75 just 2 blocks away. #242984 \$100,000



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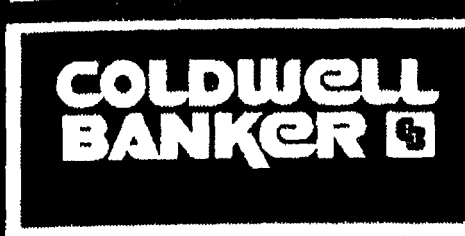
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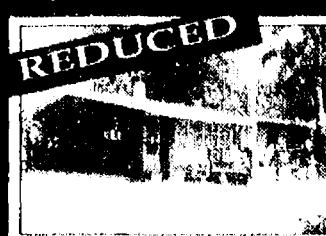
Blacktop Drive, vaulted log ceiling, 2 fire places, deck, steps and dock at river, 2 car garage, newer roof, tile floors, 2 furnaces, 2 hot water heaters, etc. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath with great view & 3rd of flooring in 2nd year waiting now for front facing. Available furnished at \$129,000. Also includes 4/15 interest in adjoining 20+ acres. #211320 \$125,000



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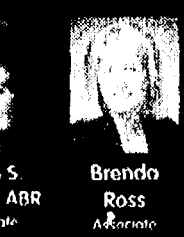
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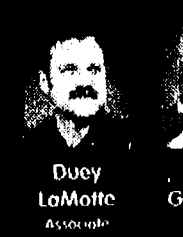
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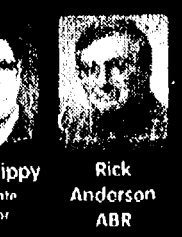
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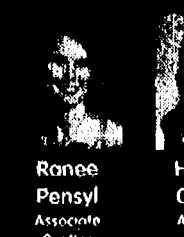
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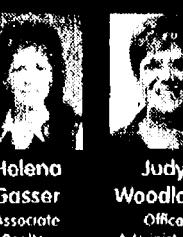
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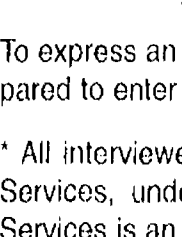
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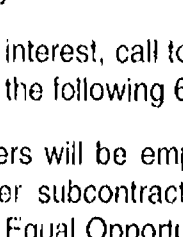
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5. For Sale

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QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful, must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

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2004 HONDA XR250R oversized cam, \$3,000. 348-2810. (-20-27/5)

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

PUBLIC INVITED to a luncheon Thursday, May 4, from 11 to 1 pm, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person. (-27/8)

GIDDY UP HORSE CAMP at Hawk Hill Farm. Dates: June 13,14,15. June 20,21,22. July 11,12,13. July 18,19,20. August 15,16,17. August 22,23,24. Call Geri at 989-915-1193 or 348-9233. (-27-4/8)

VIETNAM ERA VETS we need you to march in the Milltown Parade. If you can get into your old uniform, that's a plus! Call L.Loyd, 348-9752. (-27-4/8)

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ROSCOMMON GUN & KNIFE SHOW Sunday, May 7, 9 am - 3 pm, K of C Hall, 165 West Federal Highway, Roscommon. Info, 989-686-6535. (-27/8)

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UNIT E20 Rented to Yvonne Fox containing Toys, Records, VCR Tapes, Craft Items, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items.
UNIT F15 Rented to Diane Hendershot contains Furniture, Clothing, Sporting Goods, Bed, Kitchen Items, Toys, TV.
UNIT B27 Rented to Kim Haggard contains Chair, Refrigerator, Pictures, Lawn Ornaments, Toys, Furniture, Beds, Treadmill.
UNIT D96 Rented to John Lawrence contains Truck Topper, Stove, Refrigerator, Toys, Clothing, Kitchen Items.
UNIT C52 Rented to Cassandra Kneff contains Bed, Couch, Toys, Books, Clothing, Floor Sweeper.
UNIT B12 Rented to William Fisher contains Chairs, Weights, Toys, Bike, Dressers, Clothing, Holiday Decorations.
UNIT B22 Rented to Jacqueline Mikolaczky contains Piano, Stove, Tires.
UNIT B36 Rented to James & Jenifer Jenks contains Bed, Tires, Tables, Mop Bucket, Tools, Ladder, Toys, Records, Air Conditioner.

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FANNIE FINN'S Fannie Finn's will be open by appointment only beginning Thursday, April 27. Please call (989) 344-7444 for an appointment. The building at 203 Michigan Avenue is still being listed for sale through Century 21, Bob Pollack, (989) 390-1244. (-27/8)

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10. Garage Sale

MOVING SALE 745 Robinhood Lane. Furniture, household items, clothing and more. Fri., 10 am - 4 pm. Sat., 8 am - 4 pm. (-27/10)

MOVING SALE everything must go. 989-350-1877. Starting April 27 till May 2. (-27/10)

11. Automotive

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/11)

1982 BUICK PARK AVENUE 150,000 miles, new tires, brakes, shocks. \$600/OBO. 344-0679 or 370-5436. (-27/11)

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FOR SALE 1998 Dodge Dakota Sport, 41,000 miles, excellent condition, \$5,800. 989-348-7278. (-20-27/11)

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1996 FORD F-150 6-cylinder, 5-speed, 2-wheel drive. Higher miles but runs great, very dependable, comes with topper. \$1,350 or best. 348-4061 or 390-2980. (-20-27/11)

96 GMC regular cab pickup, 4x4, 110,000 miles, looks sharp, runs great, \$4,900. 96 GMC Jimmy, 4x4, 154,000 miles, good looking, runs good, \$3,400. 348-2036. (-20-27/11)

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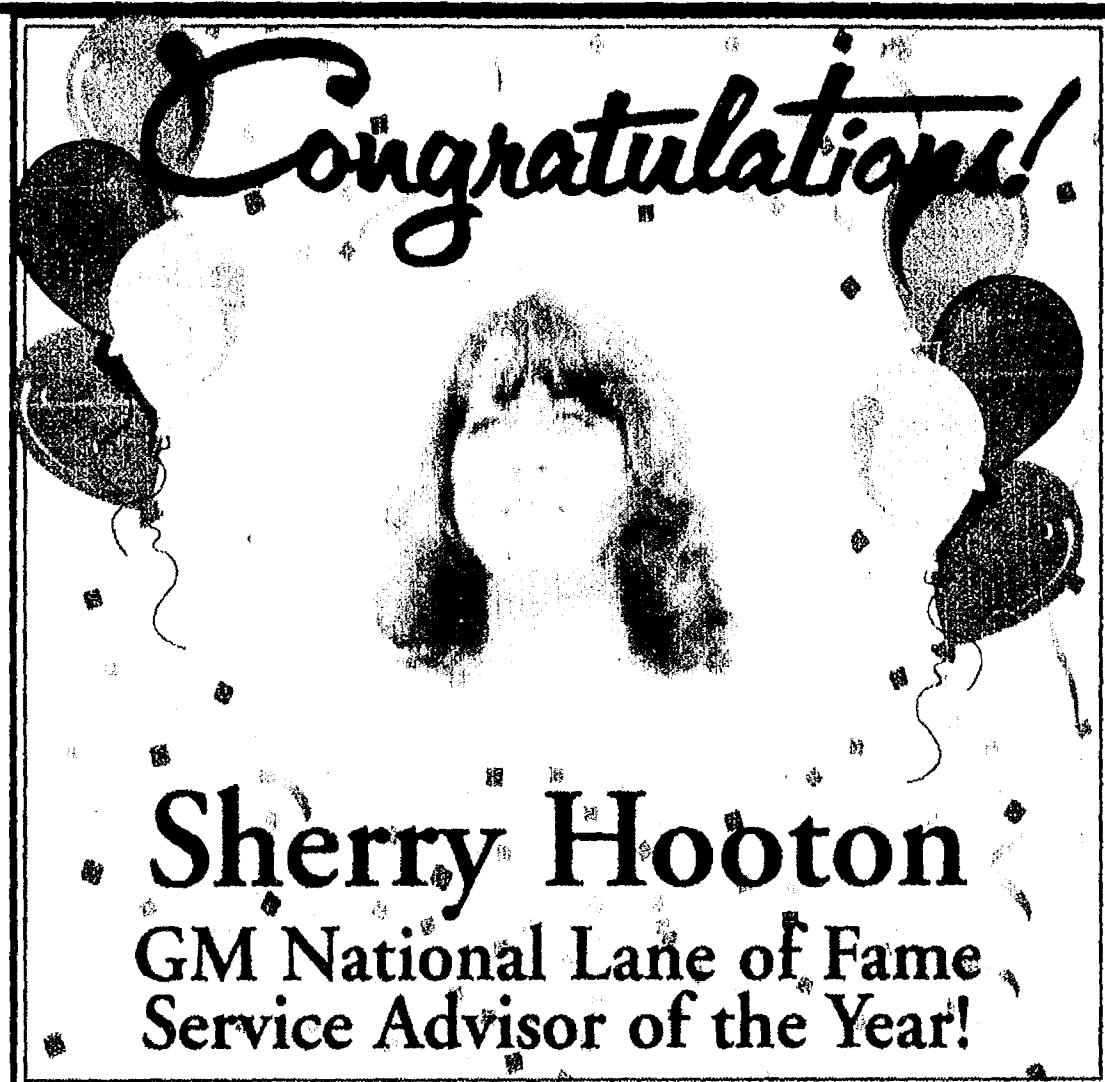
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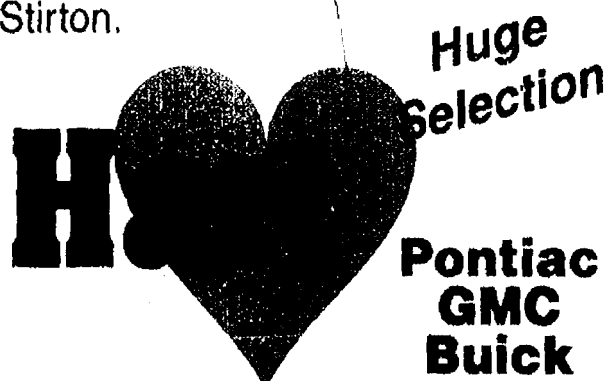
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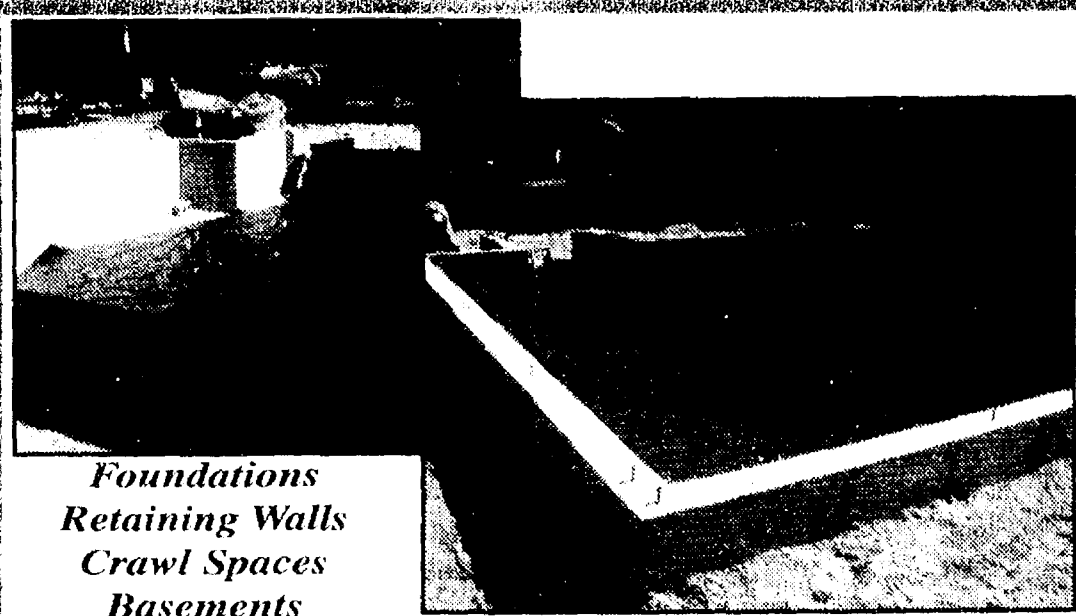
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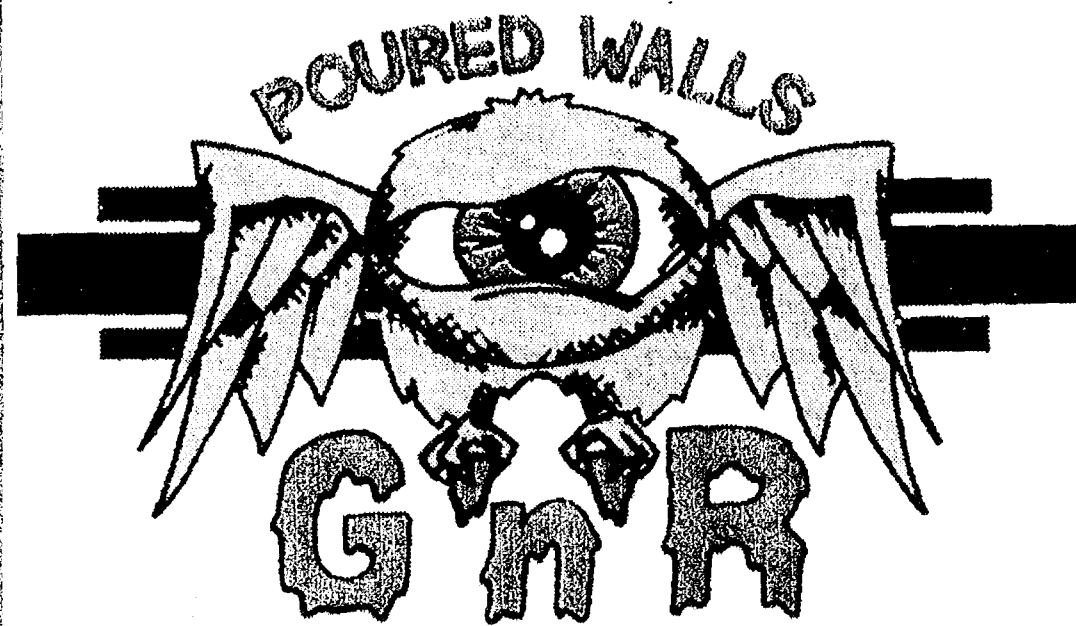
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Flooring Choice Can Make Or Break Your Room

(HIT) — Have you always dreamed of beautiful hardwood floors? While you might love the look, hardwood flooring is not always practical. It can scratch easily and is very vulnerable to water. If you have children or a large dog, you might be shedding a tear when your beautiful new floor is less than perfect a few days after having it installed.

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- **Hardwood:** This is becoming one of the hottest, most versatile looks on the market. It's being installed in foyers, kitchens, family rooms, living rooms and master bedrooms. With exotic woods from teak to tigerwood to purple heart, hardwood flooring options are more unique than ever. When choosing the type of wood best for your home, talk to a trained professional who can explain the pros and cons of each kind. For example, bamboo is very trendy this year, but did you know it is extremely fragile and scratches easily? Solid oak is the most popular and durable, but make sure you research all types. Don't forget, hardwood floors increase the value of your home more than any other floor covering.

- **Laminate:** Laminate flooring provides the consumer with a strong, sophisticated, affordable and simple to install floor. Laminates offer exceptional durability, superior stain and scratch resistance, and are easy to maintain. They are ideal for high traffic areas where you want a wood look but not the maintenance or expense of real hardwood. Since laminate products are fully engineered, they are more precise and more durable. Laminate

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- **Carpet:** Carpet is usually chosen because of aesthetics, performance or budget. The beauty of carpet is evident in the overwhelming selection of styles, patterns and colors in which it is offered. A dark color can draw the room in while a light color opens the room up. Remember the colors around us can have a powerful psychological effect and go a long way toward defining the personality of a room. Carpet is much more durable than it used to be because of stain-resistant coating and new, tougher fibers. Carpet is an investment you can protect; regular vacuuming and periodic cleaning greatly increase the life of your investment.

- **Ceramic:** Ceramic is a forever floor that can make a stunning statement to all who enter. Adding decorative accent tiles makes a one-of-a-kind fashion statement for your floors, walls and backsplashes. You can easily create your own distinct patterns to fit your personality by mixing two field colors together or by mixing the tile size for a distinct pattern. Tile can also be used on a larger scale to create a grand effect and the appearance of a spacious room. Ceramic is water resistant and easily repairable, so it's great for bathrooms and laundry rooms as well.

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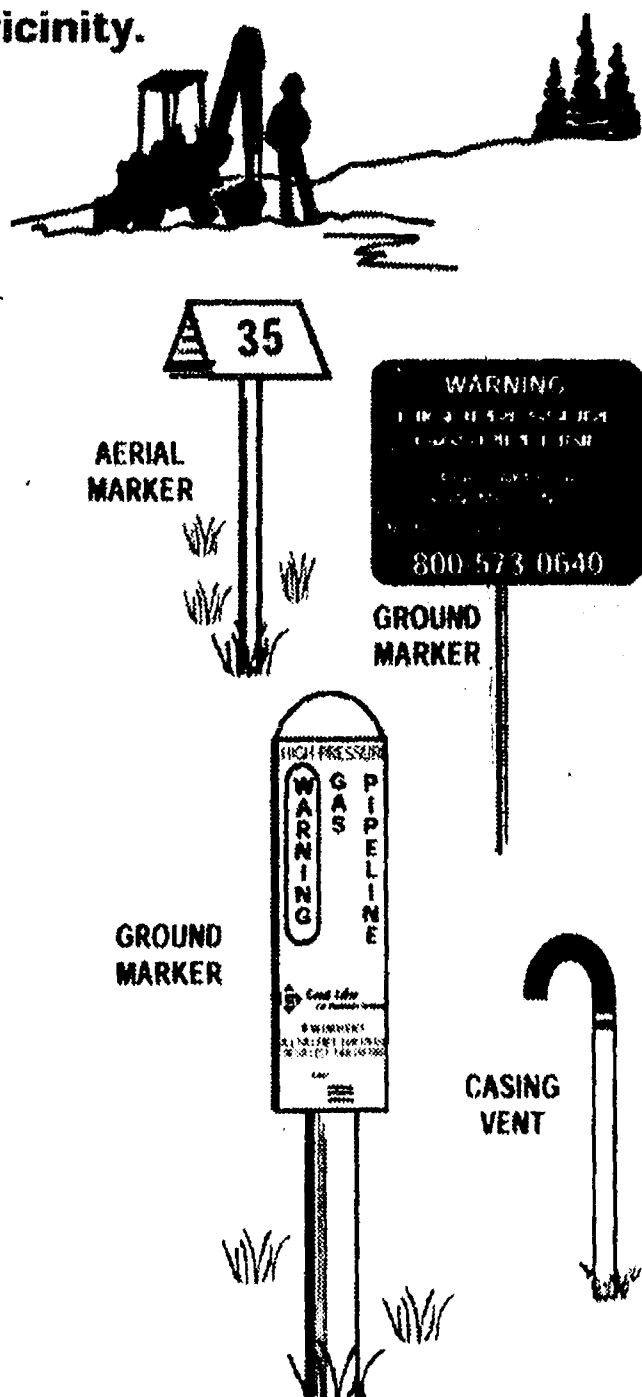
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(HIT) – The material our country was built on is coming back in style in a big way. Communities are restoring and creating brickscares for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic in an effort to replace concrete jungles with a surface that exudes warmth and just keeps looking better as it ages. Brick paver use has increased 30% in recent years — from 170 million units in 2000 to 240 million in 2002.

Historical areas like Boston's Beacon Hill have maintained their brick sidewalks for more than 200 years. Other communities, like Pittsburgh's West Chester Borough, are emphasizing their history by creating new brick-paved districts. But not all the cities choosing brick are doing it for historical authenticity. Large metropolitan areas are also choosing the material for areas with a distinctly urban feel. In Houston, for example, 19 blocks along the new state-of-the-art light rail corridor downtown was paved with brick. According to Guy Hagstette, Director of Planning & Development of the Houston Downtown Management District, "While other segmental paving products we have used are very durable, the aesthetics just don't hold up over time. The main benefit to clay pavers is their rich color and their resistance to fading and staining. Main Street is a special place, and we knew we wanted clay pavers."

The clay paver revolution is not just for these large-scale projects, though. Homeowners across America are increasingly using the product to bring the same rich look to their own backyards. They are

discovering that the product made from the earth is the most natural choice for all their paving needs. Do-it-yourselfers find that laying clay pavers makes a great weekend project and saves them labor costs, as well.

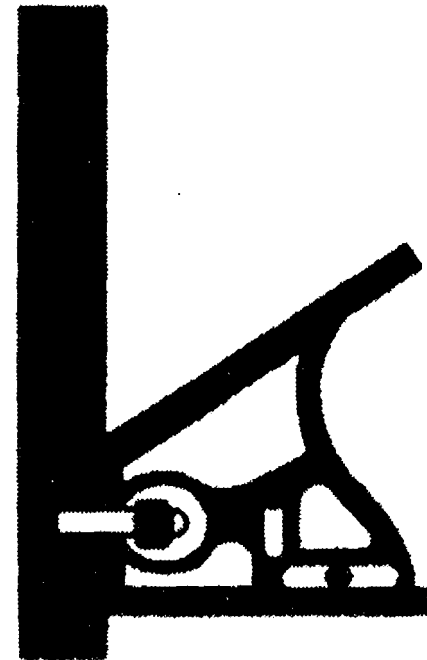
"Trends in home improvement indicate that outdoor spaces, such as patios and enclosed courtyards, continue to be just as important to curb appeal and market value as the gourmet kitchen and luxury bathroom," notes Ted Corvey, Paver Director for Pine Hall Brick. "Smart Money" magazine estimates that landscaping and hardscaping can increase home values by as much as 15%, while the National Association of Realtors found that outdoor rooms can deliver 77% return on investment at sale time — and they're less expensive per square foot than additions or kitchen or bath remodels.

While genuine clay pavers make the perfect "floor" for these outdoor living spaces, they are strong enough for a driveway and can even be continued into the garage for a unique upgrade to a space where design and beauty is often forgotten. Many people are surprised to learn that clay pavers are actually stronger than most other paving materials with strengths reaching up to 36,000 pounds per square inch (psi).

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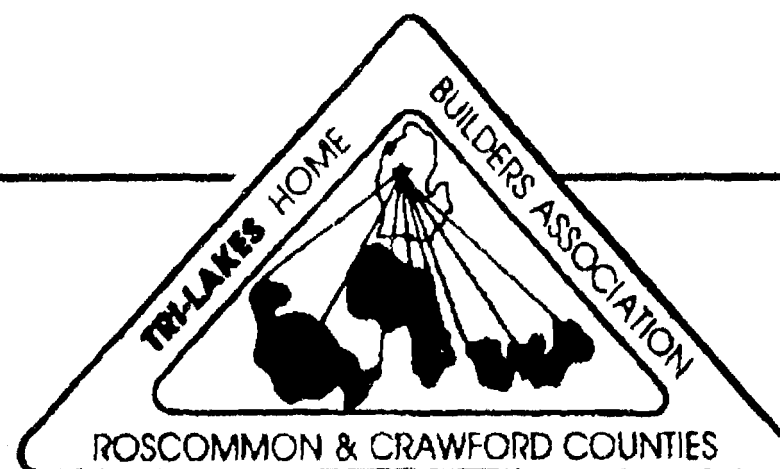
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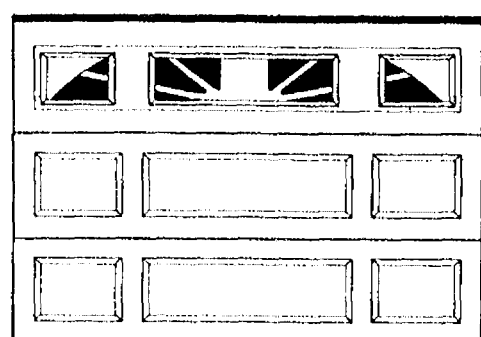
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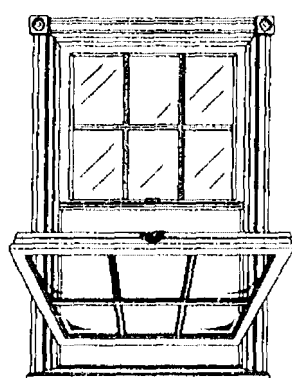
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When you begin your research, take into account the scope of your project. What projects will you need done? Will they require electrical, plumbing or other special knowledge? When you begin your search for contractors, start by asking people you know who have had similar projects done. They may or may not be able to recommend someone, but they will probably at least be able to point you in the right direction. In most cases, you can start with the Yellow Pages of your local phonebook or by calling the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

Most contracting companies should be licensed through the BBB. Using their recommendations, make a specific outline of your plan and present it to the contractors. You may require an architect's help on this if you are working on a large-scale project. Having a universal architectural plan can help ensure that contractors are all bidding and commenting on the same thing and keep you from getting confused com-

paring apples to oranges. Also, make sure that the contractors you are considering have workman's compensation and insurance that covers all of their employees. Without this, you could be liable for accidents that occur during your project.

Once you have talked to your potential contractors for the first time, ask them for references. Check with the people they have worked for and ask them about the quality of their experience. Was the job finished in a timely manner and to their satisfaction? Were they able to work with the contractor effectively? How was communication at the beginning of and throughout the project? All of these are important questions that you should have addressed in order to ensure that your contractor will be someone that you can work with who will get you the results you want rather than just try to finish another job.

About this time, you should start receiving bids from your potential contractors. Examine each bid in turn. Depending on the size of your project, you may want the aid of a lawyer. Don't be afraid to take a couple of days to examine all of the details of the contract and to ask for clarification of anything you do not understand. Make sure that all verbal agreements and understandings are included in the contract to solidify definitions and explanations. Keep in mind as you are looking at payment and pricing that you don't want to give your contractor all of the money upfront, but they may need some

funding during the project. Reserve a portion of the final payment roughly equal to 10 percent of the project until all inspections have been passed and you have proof that all liens are removed from your house. This way, you can be certain your contractor will finish the job.

It is wise to set out in the initial contract just what the contractor will and will not be responsible for, what their working restrictions are and who their crew will be. By doing this, you will know whether or not the contractor will clean up after themselves, whether or not they will apply for building permits, what union restrictions might apply and who is working on your house and what their qualifications are. With the initial contract signed and verified, all you have to do is take a copy of the contract and store it somewhere safe.

Throughout the process, be sure to communicate with your contractor. Let them know any concerns you have or if they are exceeding your expectations. By keeping in constant communication with the contractor, they will feel more comfortable coming to you if something goes wrong or if they have a new idea. The relationship can also pay off if you have a project in the future for which you need a contractor again.

In the end, you just have to be a careful consumer and be conscious of what you are signing when you enter into a contract. Choosing the right contractor can make your building experience easier and more enjoyable.

Give Your Driveway A Good Cleaning

by Tresa Erickson

Take a look at your driveway. Is it stained with oil, grease and moss? Is the appearance of it starting to drive you crazy? Don't replace it. Give it a good cleaning and see if

that won't do the trick. You could have many more years left in your driveway and save yourself the hassle and expense of replacing it.

No matter how hard you try to keep your driveway stain-free, sometimes it just doesn't work. Animal and pest residue, along with oil and transmission fluid leaks, and other accidents can leave any driveway a mess. If you have stains on your driveway, take these steps to clean it:

1. Purchase a bag of cat litter and scatter some of it on each stain on the driveway.
2. Cover the litter with newspaper and let it stand overnight.
3. Remove the litter and dab some non-bleaching powdered laundry detergent onto each stain. Moisten the detergent enough to make a paste and let it stand overnight.
4. Remove much of the detergent paste, add some water to the remaining paste and scrub the area with a heavy wire brush.
5. Rinse off the detergent paste and allow the sun to fade away any remaining stains.
6. Once all of the stains are removed, power-wash the driveway and cover it with an exterior sealer that will not break down under the ultraviolet rays of the sun.

You will have to reapply the seal-

er to your driveway at least once a year, but hopefully, it will repel stains for many months to come. Depending upon the area where you live, you may also have some moss on your driveway. You know, that combination of bacteria, mildew and mold that grows in damp areas with little sunlight and makes the driveway slippery on wet days. To get rid of the moss on your driveway, you need to use a strong bleach solution and follow these steps:

1. Sweep off the driveway.
2. Hose down any vegetation next to the driveway that you could overspray with the bleach solution. This will protect it from burns.
3. Don a pair of safety glasses and gloves, and make a mixture of one part bleach to two parts water.
4. Pour the bleach solution into a pump sprayer and saturate the mossy areas of the driveway.
5. Let the bleach solution stand for 15 minutes and then scrub and rinse.
6. Repeat the procedure as often as needed.

With any luck, you will remove most of the stains and moss from your driveway and it will stay clean for quite some time. You won't have to spend a fortune on replacement and can put the money toward something else.

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No More Matching! Mix Hardwoods To Create A Colorful, Cozy Look In Every Room

(HIT) — Think you have to match your hardwood cabinets, floors and furniture? Relax! Forget about matching and mix it up with a variety of woods and colors.

Native oak. Cherry. Walnut. Maple. Ash. Poplar. These are just a few of the American hardwoods that add natural warmth and style to any room in your home. Get better acquainted with all of your hardwood choices by checking out the American Hardwood Information Center's Species Guide at www.hardwoodinfo.com. Then feel free to blend several of them for a unique look and feel.

Contrast in the kitchen

In the kitchen, try using different hardwoods for the cabinets and floor, suggests Heather Dilger, senior designer for MasterBrand Cabinets, the maker of lines including Aristokraft and Diamond. In addition, consider base cabinets with a finish that complements, not matches, the wall cabinets. Or scatter a couple "different" cabinets — either different woods or the same wood with contrasting finishes — among those on the walls and floor. Finish off the look with a contrasting finish for the island and floors.

Kim Dunn, of Wellborn Cabinet Inc., says one popular look combines maple cabinets finished in antique evergreen and a contrasting honey tone. Giving one layer of stacked moulding a different finish that ties in with the cabinetry is also very effective, she says.

"You can pull different areas together or create a focal point," Dunn says.

To make a small kitchen look larger, consider installing lighter cabinets and a darker hardwood floor, says Sarah Reep, design director for KraftMaid Cabinetry. "Having lighter tones at the horizontal eye level will make the area seem larger, and the darker floor will help warm up the room," she says.

Maple is an especially flexible hardwood that mixes well with oak, hickory and cherry, Reep says. Hickory also works well with oak and cherry, she says.

Reep recommends working with a designer and always combining samples to pull a palette together. "Put samples of the products together and look at them as a family," she says. "Before you place an order, make sure your choices all go well together."

Limit the number of contrasting wood tones in the kitchen to about three, Reep advises. "Sometimes people think more is better, and that's not always the case," she says.

Interior designer Jennifer Haddock of Winter Park, Fla., put these principles to work in a recent kitchen project. A darkly stained oak floor complemented red painted walls. White cabinets contrasted with a cherry bead board back splash. The cherry bar stools with upholstered plaid seating complemented a darkly stained kitchen table.

"There are so many things you can do with wood," she says. "You can bring out so many different col-



For storage or display, hardwood built-ins are as attractive as they are practical. These maple shelves complement the mixed hardwood floor — ash, cherry, maple, red and white oak, poplar and walnut. (Photo courtesy of the American Hardwood Information Center)

ors."

Fresh ideas for furniture

Many of the guidelines for choosing wood in a kitchen apply to other rooms of the house as well. "We're really trending away from everything matching," says James Nauyok of Baker furniture. "There are no hard rules. You could mix virtually any species in any room. Just consider the finish, the style, the look."

Nauyok likes to envision a party when he furnishes a room.

"You don't want everyone at the party to look the same, but you do want them to look like they are going to the same party," he says. "Make sure the different personalities work together. If something is over- or under-dressed, it sticks out like a sore thumb."

Nauyok suggests blending light, medium and dark tones in hardwood furniture with contrasting floors. "You don't want your furniture to disappear into the floor," he says. "If your furniture is dark, you might want a medium-toned wood

floor. If the furniture is light, you might want a darker floor."

Interior designer Mary Solomon of Tallahassee, Fla. tries to steer clients away from matching suites of furniture. For an updated, easy look she suggests chairs that are not exact matches for kitchen or dining room table. "I always tell people the table is important, but not nearly as important as the chairs," she says. "If you set the table, what you really see is the chairs."

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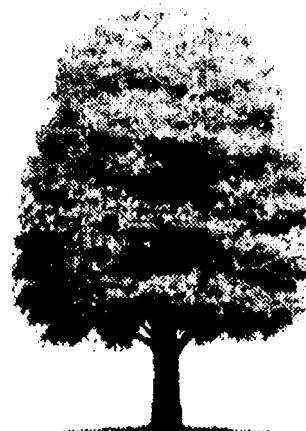
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Spring Into Exterior Home Painting – Add Sparkle With A New Coat Of Paint!

(HIT) – As warmer weather arrives in many parts of the country, homeowners are beginning to take stock of their exterior painting needs.

"Paint serves two important purposes: To help protect your home's exterior surface and to decorate or personalize your outdoor spaces," Debbie Zimmer says, of the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, "and Spring is the perfect time to begin this process of protection and decoration."

Zimmer offers simple suggestions for an attractive and long-lasting paint job, whether the paint project involves a whole house repaint or a simple front door color change.

The Paint Job

- Make sure the surface is clean and sound before you begin painting. Even the best quality paints will fail if they are applied to a poorly prepared surface.

- Always use the right tools and brushes. Good quality rollers and brushes last longer and help a job move along more quickly.

- Weather plays an important role during exterior painting so plan to paint when the temperature is between 60° and 85° F, and when there is little or no wind.

Choosing An Exterior Paint Color

"Many people choose to repaint using the same colors that already exist on the house, but choosing a new color scheme can be fun and exciting—and can give your home a fresh and updated look," Zimmer says.

- To lessen the anxiety and uncertainty of choosing a new paint color, start by considering the architectural style of your home. Some styles, such as Victorian, lend themselves to elaborate four- and even five-color schemes. Others, like Georgian or Colonial styles, are better suited to two or three colors. Usually this includes a main body color, and one or two accent colors for trim, shutters, and doors.

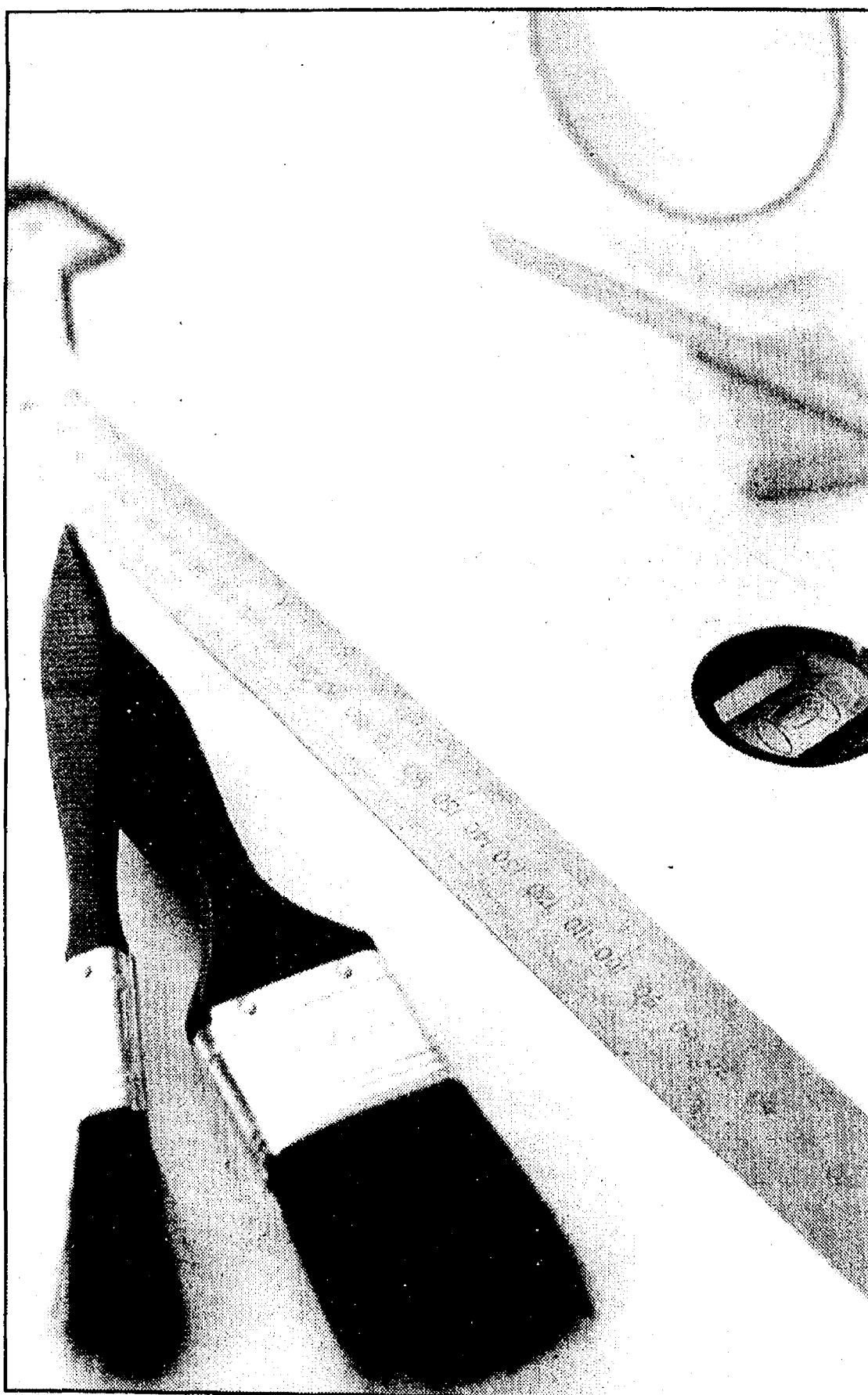
- In addition, take into account fixed colors. Consider the colors on and near the house that will not be

painted such as, roofs, wood, masonry, or stone.

- Consider the surroundings. Look at the hues of neighboring homes and buildings – particularly those that are right next door.

- Finally, choose a quality paint that is designed for the job you're doing. Using a lower quality paint just to save a few dollars will end up costing you more in the long run, as you will have to repaint much sooner than if you used a top quality product.

By following these simple painting tips and suggestions, your home will sparkle this spring. For regular painting tips and color trend information, sign up for the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute newsletter by simply logging on to www.paintquality.com.

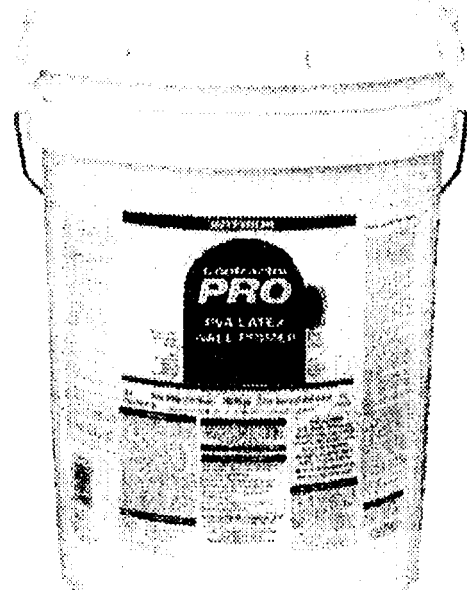


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Breaker Breaker, One Nine

by Andrew McGlothlen

A fairly common problem in American homes these days is too many electrical appliances. The more we get, the more power they draw and the more likely they will break a circuit or blow a fuse. Once they've done this, though, how do you fix it?

To begin, unplug or turn off the appliances that were running in the area when the circuit or fuse was overloaded. Now, go to your fuse box. This may be difficult if you have never been to your fuse box. In most cases, your fuse box will be in either your garage or basement. You can get a clue as to where to start looking by examining the nearest electrical pole and seeing where the lines run into your home. Should your power be run underground, it's time to start looking. The box should be metal or plastic, roughly a foot or so long, and hanging from the wall. It should have a large pipe or cable running out of one end into either the ceiling or the ground. When the box is opened, you should see one of two things: a set of fuses or a set of circuit breakers.

Fuses in the box look like small glass circles. They are screwed into the box in sockets, much like a light bulb in a lamp. When too much power is being drawn, the fuse blows before the wires can overheat. While this may inconvenience you, the electrical fire it prevented probably would have inconvenienced you more. To

replace a blown fuse, you must be careful to use the exact kind of fuse that you are removing. The information is usually written on the part of the fuse you will see as you examine it. If you do not have any spare fuses, it is a wise idea to take the blown fuse to the local hardware store so you can find the exact type of fuse for replacement. While shopping, you may want to pick up more than you need so that you have spares for the next time or in the event of a severe electrical surge.

If you are looking at a box of on-off switches, your house uses circuit breakers. Rather than blow, a circuit breaker is merely tripped. This is the electrical equivalent to the emergency brake in your automobile. It is usually easy to tell which circuit breaker was tripped. When a circuit breaker trips, it doesn't have to be replaced. The circuit breaker is still in good condition in most cases and just needs to be flipped back to the "On" position. Once you have done this, power should be restored to the area. If your appliances are still on or plugged in, the circuit breaker will turn itself back off, as you are still drawing too much power. If the power being drawn is manageable, the circuit breaker will stay on.

Now that you have found your box and know how to restore electricity, there is one more thing that you should do while you're there. If your fuse box is not already

labeled, you should consider doing so now. Turn off any appliances in the house that would be harmed by losing power in mid-operation. This particularly applies to computers. Then turn lights or some form of electrical device on in each room so you can determine what areas are affected by each switch. With a circuit breaker, this process is relatively easy. You flip a switch to "Off," go search the house until you find the area without power and then label the space next to that breaker in either permanent marker or white out, depending on the color of your box. For fuses, the process works much the same way. Be careful with the fuses, though, as they are glass and can shatter if they fall as you are playing hide-and-go-seek with your electrical system.

Once you have finished labeling your box, you should make a paper copy for your records. Use phrases like "north bedroom" rather than "Mary's room" to make the diagram more timeless in the event of different rooming arrangements. If you ever sell the home, be sure to pass on the diagram to the new owners.

Now that you know a little more about your fuse box and you have it labeled, you should be fully prepared to face the aftermath of an electrical storm or a new high-powered appliance. Blown fuses and tripped circuit breakers will no longer pose a problem for you.



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Recycle, Reduce, And Reuse

by Andrew McGlothlen

As the new century begins, city and county dumps are growing at a rapid pace. Recycling programs have been set up to try to reduce the rate, but they can only be as effective as the people who choose to utilize them. One area that recycling programs cannot keep up with is the food waste that American families pump out these days. A way to help reduce the amount of food waste going to dumps is to start a compost pile in your backyard or garden. By doing this, you will have lighter garbage cans and a lighter conscience.

To start a compost pile, all you have to do is make a big pile of garbage. Well, perhaps it is not quite that simple. When you select your location, make sure that your pile is a yard or so away from any other structures. The bugs and other organisms that break down your compost will also break down your house, fence or barn if given the chance. A good way to start your compost pile is with grass clippings, any pet manure you may have, as well as some dry leaves or hay. Place the grass and manure with the leaves and hay in alternating layers to allow the different types of organisms to interact. Grass and manure fall under the "nitrogen" category and

leaves and hay under "carbon." Try to end with leaves or hay if possible for both chemical and olfactory purposes. If you want to include twigs and small sticks, put them near the bottom to allow air to get into your pile. For other items, avoid anything larger than a couple inches in diameter or shred it.

Now that you have a base, add things as you go. Fruit peels, egg shells, apple cores and many other things that you would normally throw away can now decompose and provide a nutrient-rich mulch for your garden. Limit your compost pile to vegetation in most cases. Adding meat will only draw flies and other undesirable creatures. After a few days, the pile should be nice and warm. If you feel that the pile is getting too dry or too wet, try covering it to keep moisture in or out respectively. Rotate your pile every few days to spread the organisms and the more fully decomposed compost throughout the pile.

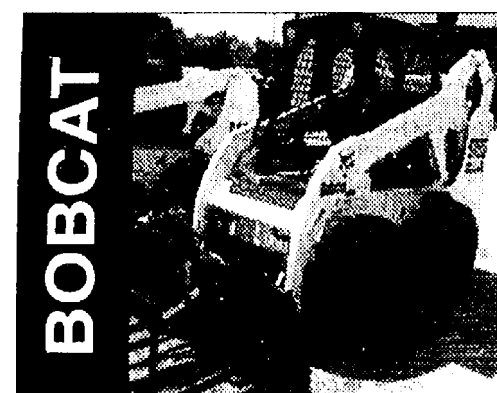
How do you know when your compost is ready? The compost should look similar to enriched soil that you would buy. It should be dark brown with no identifiable pieces and crumble like topsoil at your touch. Also, the closer it gets to being finished, the less warm the center of the pile will be

as fewer chemical reactions take place.

The next time you are raking leaves or picking up grass clippings to take to your garbage cans, think about how much compost those could create as opposed to how much space they will take up in the garbage truck. A few minutes of work every few days will be more productive than dragging all that potential compost to the curb.

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Spring Cleaning Ideas For Outdoor Living

(NewsUSA) – Before the spring season gets into full swing, take a weekend to get your home ready for outdoor living with some cleaning tips from Merry Maids.

• Give the garage a makeover. First, tackle the junk pile. Rid your space of unwanted items such as broken tools, rusty fishing tackle and old magazines.

Overhead storage, such as lofts and ledges, offer great spaces for storing small toys, coolers and winter sleds. Make use of side-wall hooks or shelving units for storing paint cans, garden or automotive tools, lawn mower and automotive accessories.

For removal of oil stains on concrete, sprinkle an absorbent powder like baking soda or sawdust on the stain and scrub with a stiff brush. If

the stain is already dry, wet it first to create a scouring paste.

To keep those extra freezers and refrigerators clean and odor-free, unplug appliances and defrost the freezer. Remove all stored food and interior compartments, washing inside walls with a warm water and baking soda solution.

• Let the sun shine in with sparkling windows. For spotless windows and glass doors, wash surface with mixture of five drops of liquid dish detergent to 2 gallons of water. Wipe dry and buff to shine with crumpled newspapers for lint-free results.

For most effective glass cleaning, do not wash outside windows or glass doors in high heat or direct sunlight. The intense sunlight will allow the cleaning solution to dry

too quickly, creating unwanted streaks.

• Prepare your lawn and patio for a party. Before you put grimy window and door screens back in place for the summer months, hose them down on a flat surface and scrub them with a solution of baking soda and water; rinse thoroughly.

To clean fabric cushions or patio umbrella, combine 1 teaspoon mild dishwashing detergent and 1 tablespoon Borax with warm water in a 12-ounce spray bottle. Spray solution on cushions or umbrella and allow to sit for 15 minutes; rinse thoroughly. Place cushions or umbrella in direct sunlight to dry.

For more information on residential cleaning, visit the Merry Maids Web site at www.merrymaids.com or call (800) MERRY-MAIDS.

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sider the following tips from the CertainTeed Home Institute to keep your home cool:

• Clean or replace air-conditioner filters.

• Plant shade trees and shrubs around your house – especially on the west side.

• Crawl into your attic or crawlspace and look at the insulation. Is there enough? It should be insulated to at least an R-38 in the attic and R-19 in crawlspaces. Do it yourself or call a professional insulation contractor to help you add more if you need it.

• Insulate hot water pipes and ducts wherever they run through air-conditioned areas of your home.

• Seal up air leaks in your house by caulking leaky windows and weather-stripping doors.

• Pull down shades and close windows during the day to keep the sun and its warmth out of your home.

• Use energy-saving settings on appliances. Refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers can all be used more energy efficiently when turned to energy saving settings.

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Consider Adding A Deck To Your Home

by Andrew McGlothlen

If you are looking for a place to grill, socialize or just relax after a long day of work, you may want to consider adding a deck to your home. A deck provides a place for a family to gather outside and enjoy nice weather, have a good meal and spend quality time together. It can add to the value of a home as well. Raised decks can even provide shelter for exits from the home or stored equipment.

If you are going to build a deck, the first thing to do is to check with the local zoning office to investigate regulations on decks. With these regulations, you will know the minimum standards for building. This will also give you a chance to make sure you can build a deck. Once you have these regulations, start thinking about what purposes you want your deck to serve. Would you like a cooking space? Are you surrounding a hot tub or a pool? Do you intend to have a patio set for meals? With these purposes in mind, you can begin to consider how you want to shape your deck. Keep in mind that building a deck without an access point from the house can create another difficult project—installing an access point. Using measurements of your backyard and graph paper, draw out a few possibilities for your deck. Outline

the potential border of your deck on your plans and place anything you would want on your deck in the deck space you have created. This will help tell you if the deck you plan to build is going to be large enough and give you an idea of what your deck will look like when fully furnished.

When you have your design, begin investigating how much you will need of various materials. Start with the standard regulations from your zoning commission. You will probably want to go above and beyond the regulations, though, as they are a minimum standard. For increased safety, use extra fortifications and quality building material. While you are in this stage, one important factor to consider is whether or not your deck is going to be attached to your house. If it is, you may also have to deal with siding issues and the actual attachment to the house. If your deck is freestanding, as many are, you will still have to accommodate for nearby siding and the structure of the house.

As you plan your deck, keep in mind that several accessories can be added. If you have stairs or an overhang, are you going to install lighting? Although accent lights can be added along stairs and wiring can be run for overhead lighting later, it is much easier to

include that in the original plans. Are you going to be covering your spigot for your backyard? If so, how do you propose to access that spigot once the deck is constructed? Are you installing railing around the perimeter of the deck? Depending on the height of the deck, this may be mandatory by regulation. Even if it is not mandatory, it can create an attractive border as well as a safety feature. If there are any water elements included, how will you access control panels and plumbing if there are problems? If there are trees in the area in which you propose to build your deck, do you intend to build around them for natural shade, or do you plan on cutting them down for the wood? These are just a few questions that may come up as you are finalizing plans for your deck.

Keep in mind that the more complex your deck plans get, the more likely you are going to need a contractor. Also, remember that the building permit requires inspections. While these inspections can be thorough, they are not a guarantee of any work. They are designed to help protect you and whoever may own the home in the future. If you have concerns about the safety of your plans or construction, consult a contractor for advice or help.

Playing Around: Tips For Building A Playground

by Andrew McGlothlen

Whether you have young children or are just young at heart, you may be considering a home playground. There are a number of choices you can make to personalize your play area. Whether you are building a swing set or a tree house, here are some things to keep in mind.

First, you must select the kinds of equipment you would like. These may include swings, slides, ladders, monkey bars, firemen's poles, swinging bridges and more. As you begin to compose a list of the equipment you would like, you can begin looking into what playground systems are offered custom-made. You will find systems made of everything from steel to plastic, so keep in mind who is going to be the primary user. If very young children are going to be using it, you may be okay with one of the portable systems made of durable plastic. These do not have any sharp corners or hard surfaces that could hurt a child. As your children get a bit older, you may want to consider a wooden or steel system. Steel systems have the advantage of being very strong and

durable. They can take a lot of wear and tear and still function. They are, however, susceptible to oxidation and may have hard surfaces and sharp corners. Depending upon their location, you may be able to remove sharp corners with a grinder. Wooden systems have the advantage of adaptability. To add a new piece to your system, you simply need to attach it with a drill and screws, whereas with a metal system, you may need to do some welding and metalworking. Wooden systems are not usually as hard as metal surfaces, but they do run the risk of splinters and need to be stained and treated to prevent rotting or warping. Depending on wear, they may even need to be sanded and retreated from time to time.

Now that you have a basic comparison of steel and wooden systems, you need to make sure that you follow proper safety guidelines in setting up your system. Most need to be placed deep in the ground and cemented in place and surrounded by some sort of mulch or sand in order to minimize injuries when children fall. Do your homework. In most cases, a good

12 inches of mulch or sand is enough to reduce the chance of injuries. Keep in mind that mulch is more aerated and cushions a bit more on impact than sand, which compacts quickly.

If you are making a tree house in conjunction with your system, you may want to consult a professional architect or obtain some approved plans. Tree houses, while fun, can be structurally unsound if not constructed properly. By connecting a tree house to your system, you need to keep in mind that the tree is a living organism. You must be careful not to damage or kill it, or the branches supporting your tree house will dry and break.

Always exercise great care in the construction of a tree house. Once safely constructed, a tree house can provide hours of entertainment as well as a great view. It can also teach your children to be more conscious of their natural surroundings and provide a nice escape when they need time to themselves.

This spring, do yourself and your children a favor. Save everyone a trip to the park and construct a safe, fun playground in your own backyard.

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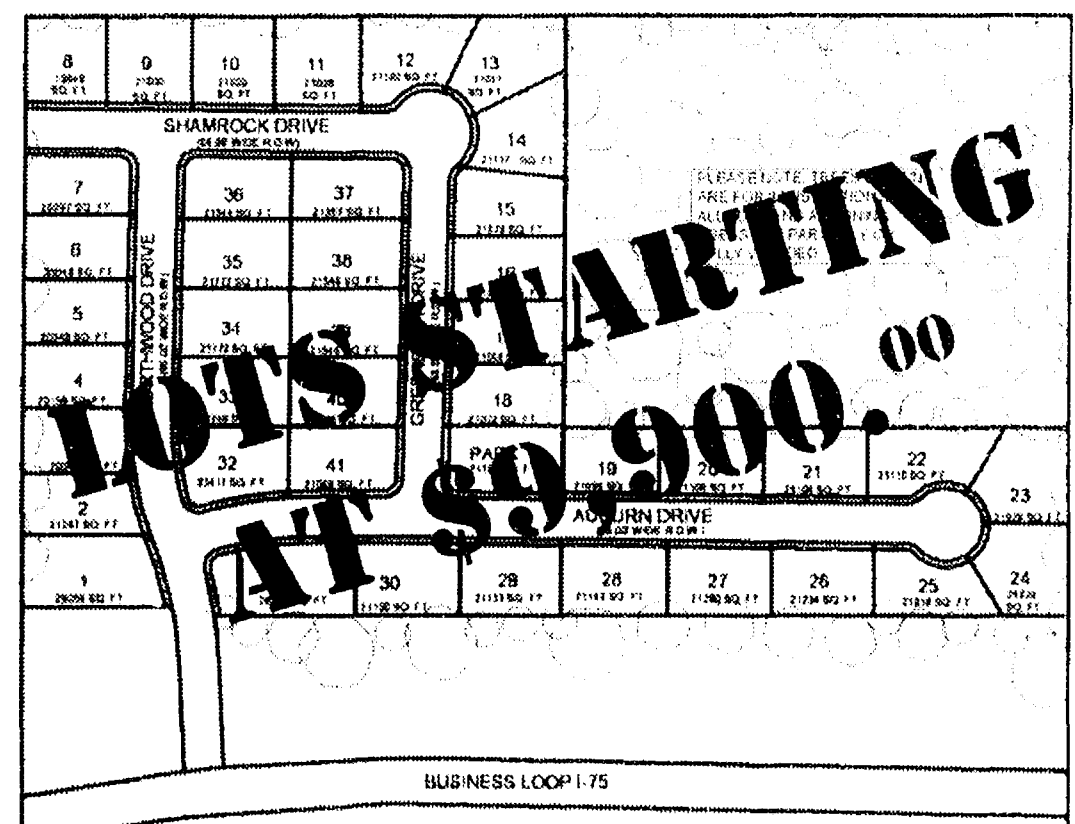
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Inspired To Redecorate? Look Up To Expand Your Boundaries

(HIT) – Though it's the roof over our heads and the last thing seen at night, ceilings are often an overlooked canvas in home décor. In fact, 98 percent of homes constructed today have white gypsum dry-wall ceilings according to the National Association of Home Builders.

But more and more, ceilings are known as the "fifth wall." And, this increased awareness has led to a wider range of products on the market. Armstrong Building Products based in Lancaster, Pa., is one of the companies committed to exploring the design possibilities of ceilings. Through their lines of wood-like ceiling planks or patterned ceiling tiles, consumers have a wealth of options to completely overhaul a ceiling or simply add subtle detail.

Homeowners are also pleasantly surprised to find that decorative

ceiling products can be both affordable and easy to install themselves. "We want customers to have high-end design, but for attainable prices," says Bill Vaughn, marketing manager for the residential ceilings division. "The planks are made of medium-density fiberboard so they're lightweight, durable and easy to install for do-it-yourself homeowners. The tongue-and-groove planks can even be installed over flawed or popcorn ceilings, making them a sophisticated tool to cover undesirable surfaces."

Earlier this year, Armstrong introduced 10 new WoodHaven finishes that offer improved visual reproduction, texture and color. These include Rustic Pine, Walnut, Light Ash, Classic Maple and others. The Beadboard and Painted White finishes, which were introduced in 2005, round out this prod-

uct line.

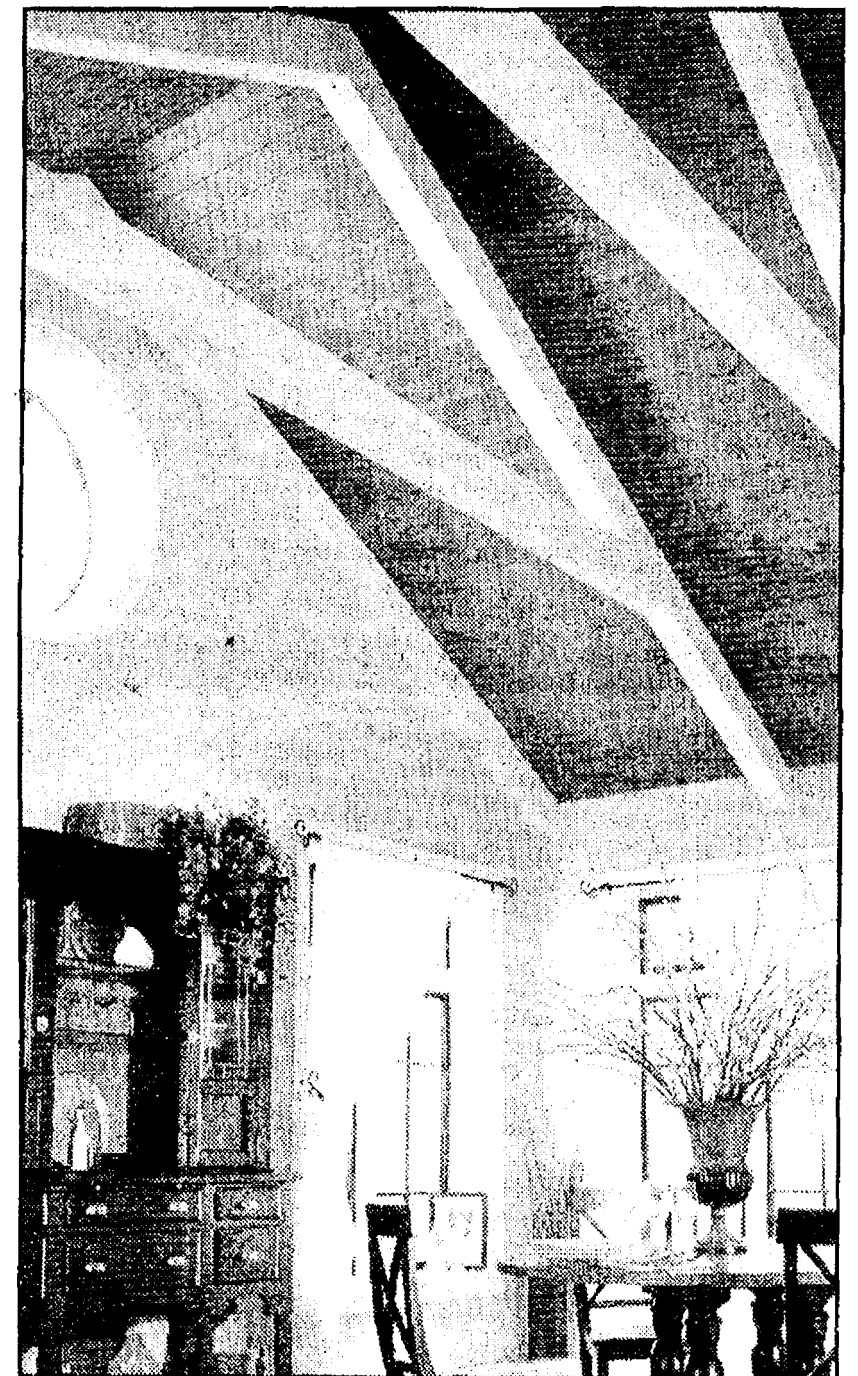
For homeowners seeking to incorporate the charm of century-old style, Armstrong's TinLook™ decorative ceiling line is a great fit. Sold through big box retailers and local independent dealers, TinLook replicates the elegant pressed metal ceilings of the late 1800s and early 1900s. These 12" x 12" ceiling tiles are made of mineral fiberboard and come with a white vinyl finish.

"The eight patterns offered in the TinLook line have the ability to transform a room," Vaughn says. "To add drama, homeowners can customize the tiles with paint or a faux finish to replicate the look of real tin, bronze or silver."

For more information on these and other Armstrong decorative ceiling products, please visit www.armstrong.com or you can call 1-800-233-3823.



The subtleties of WoodHaven ceiling planks accentuate the warm tones of this bedroom. The Natural Maple finish, which was updated for 2006, complements the design and color details to create a comfortable oasis in the home.



WoodHaven ceiling planks in Rustic Pine draw attention to the dramatic cathedral ceilings, while adding a cozy, warm element to this eating area.



The TinLook ceiling tiles in the Squares pattern are painted gold to complement the autumnal hues of this sitting room. The TinLook line, which includes eight patterns, offers high-end design at a fraction of the price of authentic stamped metal ceilings.



These TinLook ceiling tiles in the Wellington pattern add a subtle decorative element to this charming foyer. Though the tiles can be painted before installation, this homeowner chose to leave them in their original state for an understated accent to the Georgian style.

Grade A Lumber?

by Andrew McGlothlen

So you've planned out your home improvement project and are headed to the lumberyard. You know just what you need, or do you? While a grocery list of lumber may be perfectly acceptable for some projects, other high-profile projects may require some higher-quality wood. When walking into a lumberyard, it helps to know just how to find the "good" wood.

The first test is one that you should do no matter what project you're working on. This is the test in which you "sight" the board. Sighting the board consists of looking down the length of the board at one end to try to discern any visible bend or twist in the board. You should also look for knotholes, dark circles in the wood. During cutting, these can cause big problems as they are harder than the rest of the wood. Also look for cracks and wane, untrimmed wood along the sides of the board. This test should help you discern any visible warps or problems with the cut or quality of the wood itself.

After the sight test, you should consider the grade of the lumber. Grading is dependent on the type of wood. Hardwoods and softwoods each have a different grading system. Generally speaking, hardwoods are defined as deciduous trees that lose leaves in the fall, and softwoods are coniferous trees with needles in place of leaves. For hardwoods, there are four grades of lumber. The best in appearance is FAS, which stands for "first and seconds." These boards must be at least 6"x8' and have 83% or greater usable material on one face. Keep in mind that "usable material" is an average of the entire board. There may be one section that makes up much of the 17% of defect or that 17% may be spread throughout the board. Select (Sel) has the same quality as FAS, but the board only has to be 4"x6'. After Select and FAS are #1 and #2 Common (#1 Com and #2 Com). Each of these

boards must be at least 3"x4'. #1 Com must have at least 66% usable material, and #2 Com must have at least 50%.

Softwood uses a similar but slightly different scale. Given that softwood is often used for trim and decorative purposes, softwood has a five grade scale. The finest softwood is C Select, which is almost entirely clear of defects. This is followed by D Select, which has a bit of toleration for small knots but retains a very fine appearance. After the Selects come the Commons, numbered one through three. These are rated by the size of their knots. The smallest knots are in 1 Common and the largest in 3 Common.

Now, when you get to the lumberyard with this grading scale, how can you tell what you're looking at? The lumber industry has

made this easy for you. At the end of each board should be a stamp. At the top left should be a symbol representing the number or symbol of the mill at which the board was produced. Below that should be a symbol of the grading organization that examined the board. At the top should be an abbreviation of the grade of wood (i.e., CSEL). Below that should be stamps describing the moisture content of the wood and the type of wood you have.

By using all of this information, you should be able to select the highest quality boards. However, keep in mind that you don't always require the highest quality boards. You should also look into the stability, density and durability, as well as the grain and type of wood. If you need more assistance, ask the customer service representative at the lumberyard.

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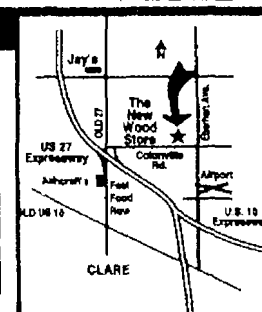
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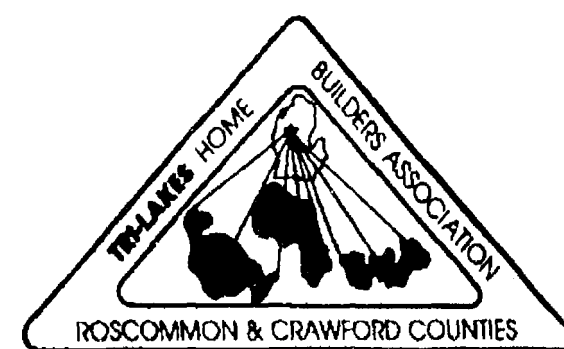
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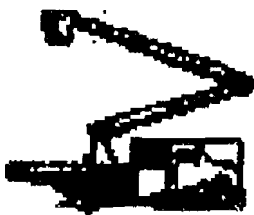


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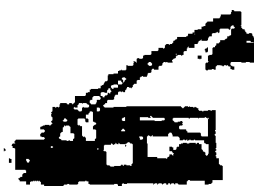
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Picking Flowers: How To Start A Garden

by Andrew McGlothlen

Winter is drawing to a close, and spring is on its way. This year, you are planning to try something different. You're going to start that flower garden you've always wanted. In order to do so, you must make several decisions.

The most important and initial decision you will have to make is where your flower garden is going to be. When selecting a space for your garden, remember to keep in mind the type of soil. How rich is the soil? If the soil is poor, you may have to enrich it with topsoil or mulch. If it is sandy, you may be restricted in the plants you can grow there. While some plants thrive in any kind of soil, others require very specific soil conditions to do well.

After soil, you should think about lighting. The area you select will be shaded, partially shaded or sunlit. Some flowers are sturdier and do well in constant heat and sunlight, while others require darkness or

they will become dehydrated. Some flowers do well in a variety of circumstances. One thing they all need, however, is water. While you may get away with not watering your cacti for a week, most flowers require watering every day or every other day. If your garden is outside, you will probably only need to worry about dry spells. If your flowers look like they are starting to wilt, be sure to give them some water. However, do not water them so long that the water begins to pool on the surface. Overwatering can kill your flowers as easily as droughts can.

Once you have established where your garden is going, you can begin to choose flowers for it based on those specifications. While shopping, look for tags that explain the lighting and soil conditions for each flower. These should also tell you whether the flower is an annual or a perennial. If your flower is a perennial, you may find care instructions

for keeping it alive through the winter.

Depending upon where you shop, you may not be dealing with actual flowers but with seeds or bulbs. If you are looking at a rack of seed packets or a series of boxes of bulbs, you will find all of the vital information you need somewhere on the products. Seeds usually need a small hole and are covered right back up to germinate, while bulbs, on the other hand, often have to be in the ground for a certain amount of time before germination can begin. Bulbs require more care in planting, so if you are new to gardening, you may want to try seeds before bulbs.

As you shop, you can begin selecting the flowers that you find attractive that will survive in your garden. With any luck, you will be successful in your endeavor and soon have an array of beautiful flowers growing in your very own yard.

Mow More Efficiently

by Andrew McGlothlen

It's the most common weed in the United States. It plagues the minds of millions of Americans weekly. It takes hours of time to combat over the course of a year, and it just keeps coming. What is it? It's grass, and while most people do not think of it as problematic, it can take up a lot of effort and time over any given year. If you want to keep your grass alive, you have to learn to take care of it.

Everyone knows that when the weather is dry, you should water your lawn, when the leaves fall, you should rake them and when grass is seeding, you should stay off it. How many, though, know the most efficient way to mow grass? This issue

often gets overlooked, even though it is one of the most time-consuming parts of having a lawn.

There are several key tips to mowing your lawn more effectively. For one, use your grass to grow your grass. If you mow your grass after it grows about an inch or so and leave the clippings, the clippings can actually decompose and help the grass be healthier. This natural composting system also keeps you from having to rake up the grass clippings. However, if you wait too long, the clippings will be too large and you will have to rake them anyway. It can actually save you time to mow your lawn weekly. Keep in mind that grass grows very slowly when rain is scarce, but a good storm or two can cause it to sprout up rapidly.

Another tip is to avoid clumping of grass clippings. If left behind, they can kill your grass by blocking sunlight and increasing temperatures as they decay. One key factor in clumping grass is moisture. Do not mow your lawn while the dew is still on it or after a big rain. The

moisture will cause the grass to clump and stick to your mower blades as well as accelerate oxidation. Another good way to avoid clumps and wear and tear on your mower blades is to set up a mental path around your lawn. The path does not have to be the same from week to week, so get creative. For the first two rounds, aim the grass clippings toward your lawn. For the next two rounds, blow the clippings back to the edge of the lawn without filling the sidewalk or fence. If you do not switch directions, your mower will become progressively slower as it cuts more clippings than live grass. If you do switch directions and you regulate how often you mow, you will have a nice even coat of clippings. If you see more clippings than live grass in any area, you need to rake. While paths and timing may save you most of your raking, fast-growing or wet grass can clump and cause problems.

These tips should help you make the most of that ever-popular weed known as grass. Follow them and you're sure to have a beautiful lawn.

Minimize The Risk Of Mold In Your Home

(HIT)- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York City Health Department, you can minimize the risk of mold in your home by keeping these tips in mind:

- Fix any water leaks.
- Reduce indoor humidity (to 30-60 percent) to decrease mold growth.
- Clean and dry any damp furnishings within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth.
- Clean hard surfaces with water

and detergent. Dry completely.

- Prevent condensation on cold surfaces (i.e. walls, pipes, roof, floors) by adding fiber glass insulation.
- Do not install carpeting in areas where they may be a perpetual moisture problem in a home.
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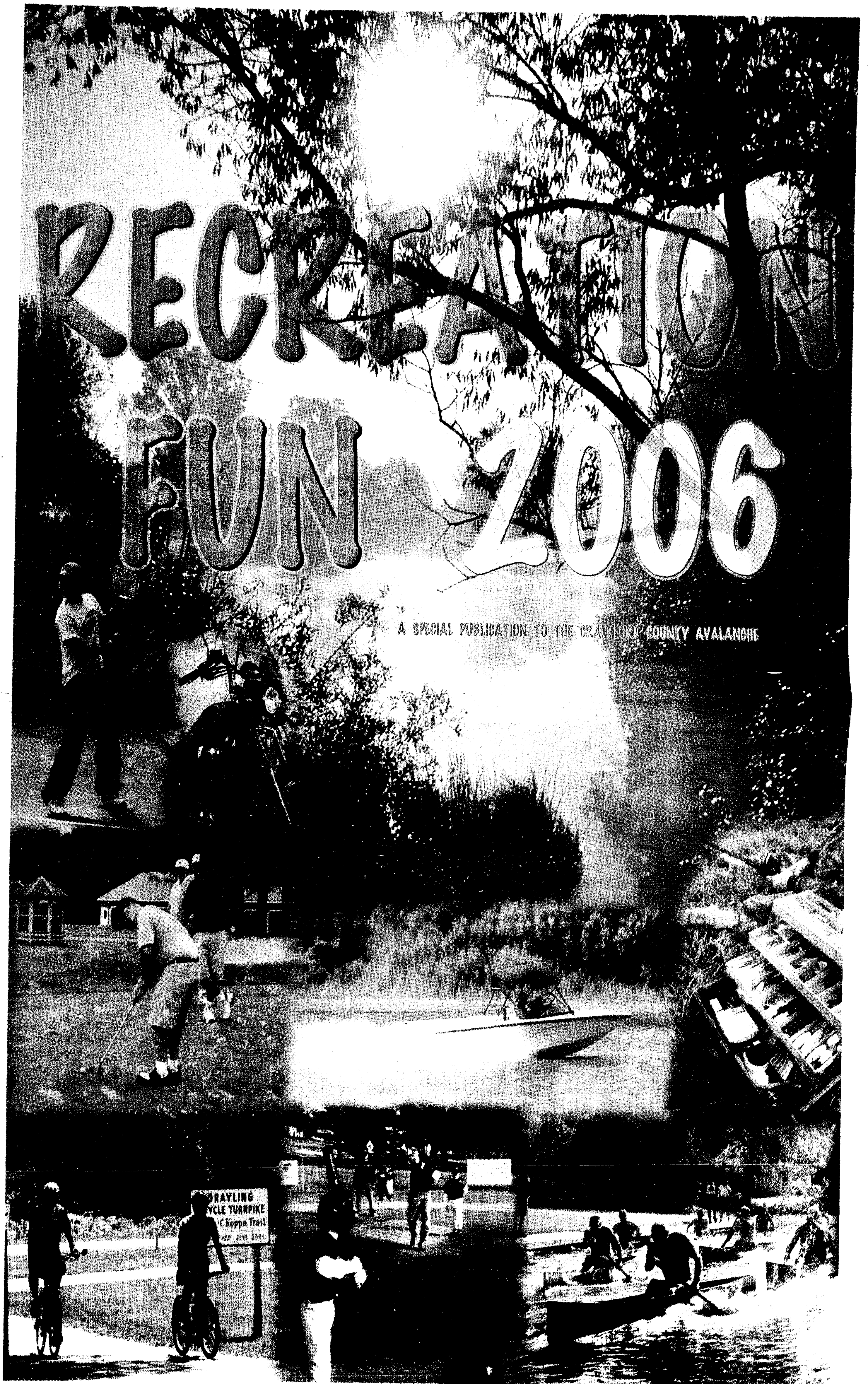
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The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems are two of the most stable systems in the United States, which makes them more accessible to fishermen year round.

Area Rivers and Lakes Offer A Variety of Fishing Opportunities

Crawford County's claim to fame comes from the world-renowned blue ribbon trout streams – the AuSable and Manistee rivers – along with their tributaries. They bring to northern Michigan, Grayling and Crawford County some of the

finest trout fishing east of the Mississippi.

In recognition of the fine fishing found in the county, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution designating the greater community of Grayling 'The Trout Fishing Capital of the Eastern United States' in September of 1998.

The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems are two of the most stable systems in the United States, which makes them more accessible to fishermen year round. Each system offers catches of native Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout to the discerning angler.

There are numerous public accesses, and rental canoes are available for anglers to enjoy the rivers for fishing or sport. Local sport shops and lodging accommodations have area maps and generally have information about hatches and water conditions.

Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers with some areas designated for "flies only," and several miles of the AuSable River for "catch and release." The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware, and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season, which is the last Saturday in April (April 29 this year). Afternoon hatches, with little pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis, and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late after-

noon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

It is important to mention that most of the anglers who are successful in catching the larger trout fish for them during the late evening and on into the night. Fishermen are often found on the streams all night waiting for the spinner falls, which generally come between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and for the hatches, which occur after 10 p.m. and last sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.

August brings the terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants and crickets. The warm sunny days are an ideal time to fish the Browns lying along the grass banks waiting for that careless hopper. As mother nature starts to dip her paintbrush and color the leaves, enjoy the solitude of a quiet day and cool evening with Brown and Brook Trout becoming more active. It's a great time to come to northern Michigan and experience fall colors, late lake fishing, bird hunting and Salmon fishing.

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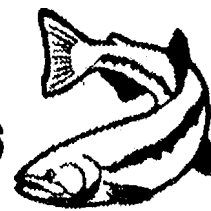
May 6	Top of the Hill 5K (Trail/Fun Run) @ Hanson Hills Race Start 10 am
May 16	Men's Softball League Begins @ Hanson Hills
May 20	Kids Adventure Race @ Hanson Hills (www.riverratsar.com)
June 4	Hanson Hills Challenge Mountain Bike Race @ Hanson Hills 8 am (www.funpromotions.com)
June 10	Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run (Trail/Fun Run) @ Hanson Hills Race Start 10 am
June 19	Youth Golf Program Begins @ Grayling Country Club
June 23-25	Michigan Traditional Bowhunters Jamboree @ Hanson Hills
July 29	G.R.A. 10K (Road/Fun Run) @ Grayling High School Football Stadium
August 19	Endurance Trail Run (Trail/Fun Run) @ Hanson Hills Race Start 10 am
August 22	Co-Ed Softball League Begins @ Hanson Hills
September 15	Youth Flag Football Begins @ Hanson Hills
September 15-17	Michigan Bike Festival @ Hanson Hills (www.michiganbikefestival.com)
September 16	6-12 Hours of Hanson Hills Mountain Bike Race @ Hanson Hills 8:00 am (www.funpromotions.com) **Part of Michigan Bike Festival
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Ensuring Family Fun During Your Time On the Water

by Doris A. Black

Every year hundreds of families across America take to the water for recreation for the first time. And why not—it is one of the few sports than can be enjoyed by all members of the family at any age. But novice boaters are rarely aware of some of the most basic seamanship skills that can ensure a safe and memorable experience. Before venturing off on your first fishing or water skiing trip, familiarize yourself with the following.

Each year, approximately 4,000 boating accidents result in personal injury or fatality. Most of the accidents are caused by a lack of knowledge on the part of the boat owner. If you are taking

your family on a boat for the first time, keep these guidelines in mind:

Proper Weight Distribution. Capsizing a boat is not easy to do, but it is the most common reason for loss of life. Always distribute weight evenly in the boat for stable maneuverability. Even under good weather conditions, a boat that is improperly loaded can capsize because of reduced freeboard, the vertical distance between the water and the top edge of the hull. As the freeboard is reduced, the probability of capsizing increases. A safe loading procedure involves familiarizing yourself with the boat's weight capacity. Keep in mind that the more gear you carry, the fewer passengers you can take.

Personal Flotation Devices. Maritime law requires one flotation device for each person on board. Most boaters comply with this law, while only 26% actually use them. Don't be one of the 1,300 people who drown each year. Children and those who are not strong swimmers should wear life jackets at all times and everyone should wear flotation devices in inclement weather.

Rules of the Road. Just like driving a car or motorcycle, boaters must follow nautical traffic laws. Local waters may vary, so become familiar with the laws in the area in which you are traveling.

Equipment Requirements. By law, certain equipment must be present on all boats at all times. These include fire extinguishers, navigation lights, PFDs (personal

flotation devices), ventilation devices (open boats excepted) and others. Have your boat checked by the Coast Guard to make sure you are in compliance with the regulations before venturing out.

The most common type of pleasure boating is cruising. The number one hazard of cruising is collision with another vessel. Each year, over 2,000 vessels hit another vessel and the cause is usually negligence. The second major hazard is collision with a stationary object. Since the boat owner is responsible for any damages or injuries caused by their vessel, it is prudent to pay attention.

Fishermen use boats mainly to get where the fish are. They often don't notice extreme weather conditions until it is too late. At that point, they may try to make it back to port but are often unprepared for such extreme conditions. Many times, fishermen get their lines tangled in the rudder or branches and fall overboard in an attempt to free them. Some even entangle themselves in the fishing line and drown. Officials estimate that nearly 25% of all boating fatalities involve fishermen. To avoid becoming a statistic, officials recommend that fishermen stay in a sheltered area to ride out a storm instead of heading home and cut their fishing line instead of trying to save it.

No matter what size of vessel you have or what its purpose is, safety rules and common sense go a long way toward making boating safe and enjoyable.



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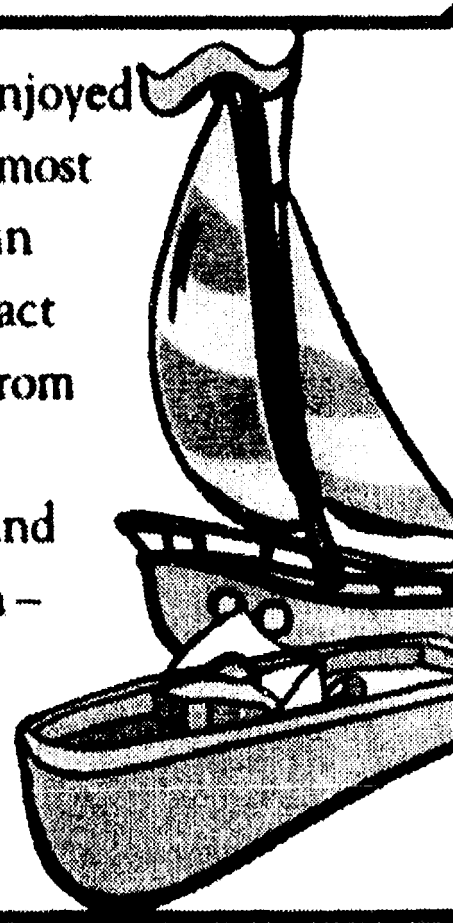
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It Started With A Stick

by Doris A. Black

A long time ago someone came up with the idea of hitting a small ball with a stick. Ever since man has been fascinated with golf. The specific origins of golf have been lost over the years, but ball-and-stick games of all sorts have been popular since the medieval times. Forerunners of golf were called "palle-maille" in France and Italy where it was a street game played using a mallet and wooden ball. When the game traveled to Great Britain, it became so popular the Brits designed a court for it. During the 15th century in Belgium, the game was called "chole" and was played using a wooden ball and a spoon-shaped wooden club. In Holland, "colf" was played on ice with wooden balls, and later, leather balls stuffed with cow hair. As it gained in popularity, "colf" was moved indoors and the name was changed to "kolf." Even though they all used sticks/clubs and balls of some sort, these early games seldom resembled our modern game of golf. Many countries played the games, but it was Scotland where the modern game originated.

History tells us the earliest balls were made of wood. In Scotland, the townspeople played in the streets or open grassy areas of the village. In the 1600s, when less open space was available, the land along the coastlines became a more convenient place to play. The land was called "links" because it linked the coastline to the more usable farmland inland. At the same time, wooden balls were replaced with leather bags stuffed with boiled feathers. Referred to as "featheries," they weren't very durable and were time consuming to produce, with the best craftsman making only four per day, caus-

ing them to be expensive. Players also began tinkering with the design of their sticks or clubs. Thin, long-shafted clubs were chosen for distance driving and shorter ones for short hops or to drive the ball downwind.

By the mid-1800s, the feathery was replaced with the gutty. Made from parts of the gutta-percha tree, the gutty was heavier and more durable, but its smooth exterior caused unpredictable directional flight. It turned out that a used gutty, pockmarked by wear, performed better and soon gutties were made with a more irregular surface. Clubs changed, too, in order to better control the gutty. Heads were made bigger in depth and width and a brass striking plate was added.

In Scotland, inventor Coburn Haskell stumbled upon the rubber ball. He realized that its application to kolf would improve the game, as a rubber ball would fly much farther than the gutty. When combined with a hard, rough exterior, the rubber ball became the basis for today's modern golf balls.

As the century wore on, clubs continued to change in design. Shafts were made of bamboo or ash and specific clubs, like the mashie, sand iron, driving cleek, niblick and putting cleek, were used by players under different circumstances.

The first golf courses were also a far cry from what we know today. There were no beautifully manicured lawns, golf carts or clubhouses to relax in afterwards. The links were mostly barren and inhabitable pieces of land, often windswept and sandy with no trees and a rugged terrain filled with rocks and crevices.

Using crude clubs and even cruder balls, it's a wonder the sport survived at all. But it did



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and it grew in popularity, coming to the United States in the late 1700s where it flourished.

The next time you step up to that tee, remember those who came before you and how hard it was to get a hole-in-one with a feathery.

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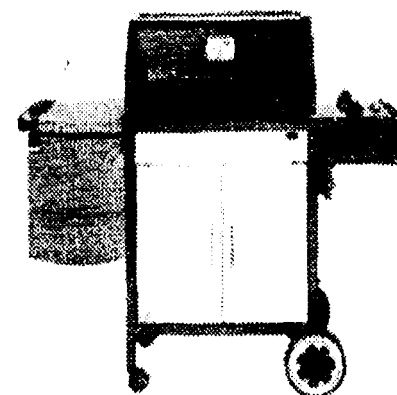
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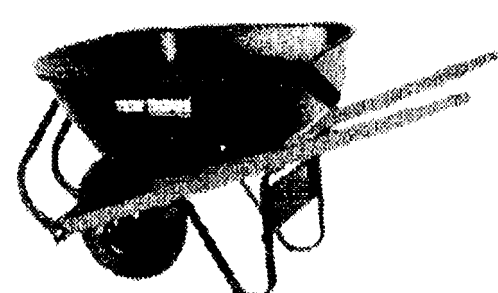
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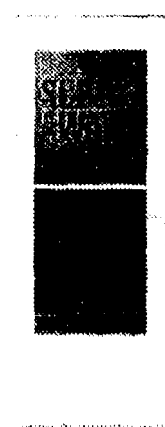
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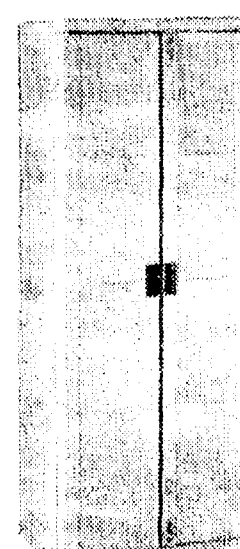
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Survey Ranks Boating Among Top Stress-Busters

(NewsUSA) — If you are seeking to get away from the daily grind, then let your hair down and get on a boat.

According to a 2005 survey conducted by the National Marine Manufacturers Association, boating ranks among the top three stress-relieving activities, along with road trips and exercise.

Half of respondents who enjoy or have been boating said the best thing about boating is that it lets them spend time in nature and the outdoors, while 25 percent said it offers an escape from daily life.

The NMMA reports that nearly 70 million Americans participated in boating in 2004, an estimated increase of 300,000 from 2003. What's more, the number of boats on the nation's waterways grew to nearly 18 million in 2004, ranging from canoes and kayaks to cruisers and large yachts.

The survey of 1,061 American households found that the most popular boat-related activity is relaxing with family and friends, followed by fishing, cruising and waterskiing.



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"When you step onto a boat, you leave the world of what you have to do and enter a world of what you want to do," said Steve Tadd, director of Discover Boating programs at the NMMA. "We know that 90 percent of Americans live less than an hour from a navigable body of water, making the boating lifestyle accessible no matter what part of the country you live in."

Ready to relax on a boat? Tadd offers four simple steps to finding a boat that's right for you.

1. Think about what you want to do with your boat. Whether it's fishing, water sports or cruising, there's a boat that will meet your needs. Narrow down your choice to one or two specific categories.

2. Go to a boat show. Meet

and chat with boat dealers at the show to learn more about the choices and models available.

3. Find local dealers who sell the brands you've chosen. Visit the boat dealer and ask for a test ride. Select the dealer who goes the extra mile and who makes it clear that the dealership will be with you after the sale, too. If you are undecided between two models or brands, buy the boat from the dealer who gives you a sense of confidence.

4. Take a boater education course before using your boat. Have family members take the course, too; everyone will have more fun if they are confident in their abilities to navigate the waters.

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A "day on the river" is a great way for families to enjoy northern Michigan's outdoors.

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A "day on the river" is a great way for families to enjoy northern Michigan's outdoors. It is not unusual to see deer, mink, otter, beavers, ducks, wild turkeys, a great blue heron or, occasionally, a bald eagle, while on your canoe trip.

Area canoe liveries offer river day-trips ranging in length from about two to six hours and overnight canoe/camp trips from two to six days, or more. Many families pack a picnic lunch for their day on the river. For those considering an overnight trip, there are state forest campgrounds strategically located at various points along the rivers. Canoe liveries will help you plan your trip, if needed.

The AuSable and Manistee are "Class 1" rivers, with no "white-

water" or rapids. Canoeists can generally maneuver around the rivers' natural logjams and "sweepers" (trees that hang out low over the river) without too much trouble. The water averages three to four feet deep in most places.

Canoeing season usually starts in May and runs until late September or early October. Some liveries will accommodate customers at any time of the year. Each livery has its own rates, requirements, and restrictions. Summer weekends can be very busy at area canoe liveries, so advance reservations are recommended.

Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately. It's a good idea to bring an extra sweatshirt, rain gear, or a change of clothing in a secure, plastic bag. Visitors should also remember sunscreen and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days.

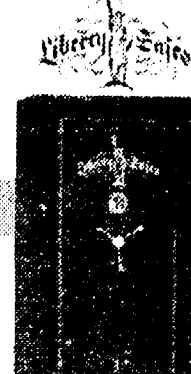
All liveries ask that canoeists do not bring glass bottles or styrofoam coolers.

"We have a wonderful natural

resource in our rivers," according to one local canoe livery. "They belong to all of us and must be respected and taken care of by all of us. Keep litter in your canoes and use the landings provided so this wonderful canoeing experience can be shared by all."

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July 8: Vintage Base Ball, 1pm. Come out and cheer on the Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club's "Swampers" as they take on the Mighty River Hogs of Midland County in a match of baseball as played to the rules of 1860.

July 15-16: Wood Shaving Days, 10am-4pm. See woodcarvers and woodburners at work; experience the sights and sounds of the steam-powered sawmill turning logs to boards, witness the craft work of blacksmiths, spinners and other traditional craftspeople, enjoy the traditional sounds of the Cousins Music Group.

July 29: 7:00 pm. Bill Jamerson Historic Music Program at Logging Museum.

August 12: Forest Fest, 10am-4pm. Celebrate Michigan's forests in this annual event. Learn about the ecology of our forests and how the modern forestry industry helps to sustain the forests today.

August 13: Vintage Base Ball, 1pm. The "Swampers" will host the Ludington Mariners in a match of 1860 rules baseball.

August 26-27: Black Iron Days, 10am-4pm. Come out and witness the largest gathering of blacksmiths in Michigan practice their historic craft. Other crafts people, such as woodworkers and spinners, will be at work, the sawmill will again be operating and enjoy the sounds of the Cousins Music Group.

September 3: Vintage Base Ball, 1pm. Wrap-up the summer this Labor Day Weekend by cheering on the "Swampers" in their final match of the season against the Mount Clemens Regulars.

September 16: Lantern Tour of the Logging Museum: "An Evening at the Logging Camp," 7-9pm. Meet some of the residents of the Salling, Hanson and Company's "Section 9 Camp" that was logging in what is now Hartwick Pines State Park in 1896. Learn about what it was like to work out in the woods from the men and women who experienced it first hand.

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Know The Terrain

by Doris A. Black

Before purchasing an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), you should determine what the primary use of the vehicle is going to be. Do you plan to use it as a workhorse, a toy or both? There are two basic categories of ATVs: those designed for work and those designed for play.

The utility ATV or quad, as it is sometimes called, is built for use around the farm. It can be used for towing, hauling or carrying gear from point A to point B. Because of its heavy-duty uses, it is built with a number of mechanical components different than that of the leisure ATV. It has a stiffer suspension, a heavier and more stable drive shaft, a hardy transmission, large tires and very large racks that can carry up to 250 pounds. Because it is easy to drive and has a larger body for deflecting mud than a sport ATV, it can also be used for leisure purposes. Over 75% of all ATVs sold in America fall into this category. If a workhorse is what you need, you can't go wrong with a utility quad. Experts recommend models with automatic transmission for utility use or steep terrain. Four-wheel drive is also recommended to enable the vehicle to be used 12 months of the year, no matter what the weather conditions. It will even perform admirably through 10 inches of snow.

Comfort is an important consideration if you're going to spend

all day on the ATV. Be sure to sit in the model you're looking at before buying it. Larger men, those over 6'3" or 300 pounds, may want to purchase a larger model. Smaller models will pull the same weight and will most likely be comfortable for everyone else. If pleasure is your goal, you might be happier with a sport ATV. Geared for power and speed, the vehicle is designed specifically for leisure use and provides maximum performance. Its lightweight design, quick-response steering and small tires make it perfect for sharp turns and high jumps. It has no racks for hauling gear and no tow capabilities, but the suspension and throttle/clutch system provides the perfect combination of control for tight corners and hard landings. You'll get lots of mud, too, as the outer body is small. If you're purchasing your first sport ATV, experts recommend starting with a small model, such as the 300cc 4x4, and working your way up to the large 500cc 4x4. The difference in performance between the two is minimal. As with a utility vehicle, sit in the model you intend to buy. If you don't feel cramped and your knees aren't at more than a 90-degree angle, it's probably a good size for you.

In-between pure workhorse and play is the sport-utility vehicle. This all-terrain model does a little of both. Designed to carry and pull minimum weight loads, it is

functional for many chores. Its mid-sized tires, mechanics and medium weight body provide excellent adventures for the leisure rider, as well.

Once you've purchased the ATV of your dreams, the next step is to take a safe driving course, mandatory in some states. Safety is the number one concern of ATV manufacturers. They invite and encourage anyone purchasing an ATV and their family members to take this free class. It not only covers the basics of ATV maneuverability over rough terrain and steep hills but also preps the driver on how to respond in emergency situations.

Here are a few other safety tips:

- Drive safely. Contrary to what some people think, ATVs are safe vehicles when driven properly. Two-thirds of all accidents, for example, involve passengers. Most ATVs are not designed to carry passengers. The additional weight of a passenger, even a child, can throw off the balance and response of the vehicle. Riders are strongly urged never to carry passengers on their ATV. If riding double is a necessity, you should upgrade to one of the newer models designed for two people.

- As with operating any motorized vehicle, don't drink, drive or do drugs.

- Avoid riding on roads. ATVs are designed for soft surfaces. They handle differently on hard surfaces. ATVs also do not have turn signals and brake lights like other road vehicles, making them more likely to be the cause of accidents.

- Wear body protection. The most protective piece of gear the ATV rider can wear is a Department of Transportation approved motorcycle helmet. Helmets provide maximum protection against injury and debris, while goggles protect eyes against flying debris and dust. Blue jeans and long-sleeved shirts protect limbs against cuts and scrapes, sunburn and windburn, and help protect the body from more severe weather that could cause hypothermia or dehydration. Special riding boots of thick leather construction that extend over the shins provide maximum coverage, but if those are unappealing, boots that extend over the ankle to protect the foot and anklebones from injury are ok. They also provide the best footing on and off the ATV. For added protection, wear a riding jersey to absorb perspiration and elbow and knee pads and gloves.

As with any kind of vehicle, safety should come first. Whether you want an ATV for work or for fun, it is your responsibility to make safe and wise decisions, protecting both yourself and others.

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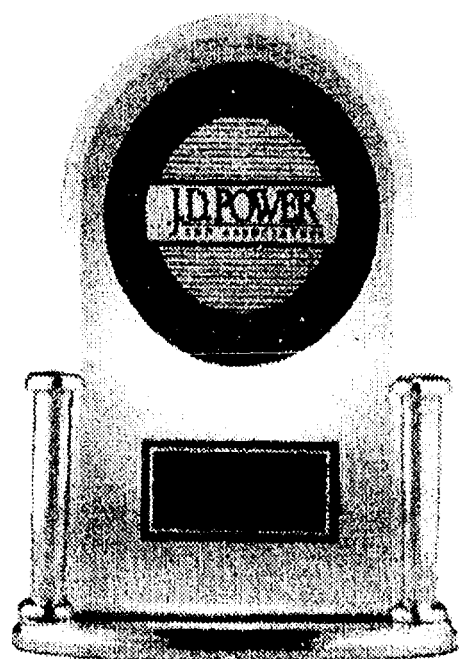
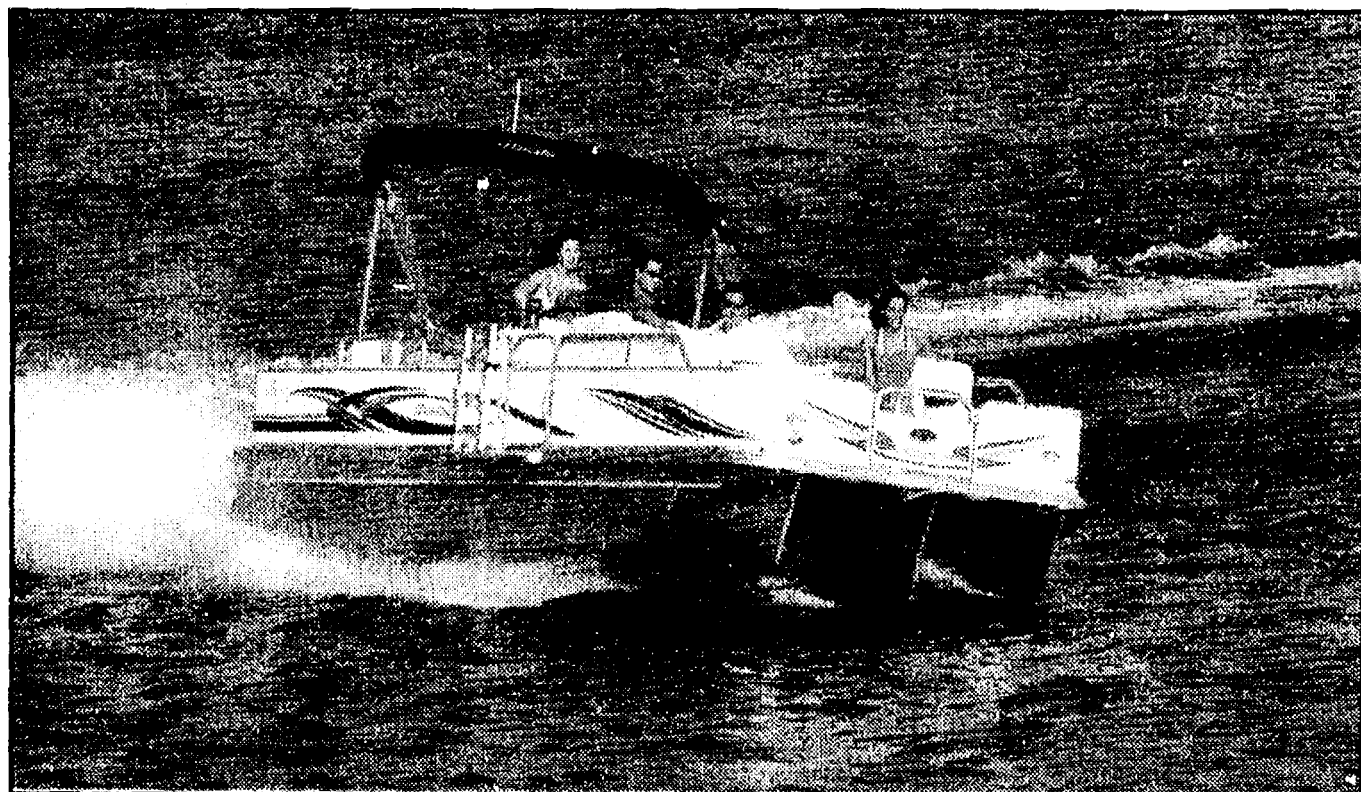
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